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THE WORLD'S MOST WAY PAST COOL COMIC!



SONIC™

THE HEDGEHOG

THE BLUE BLUR

FIGHT
NIGHT



VS

TOUCH ME
AND I'LL
SUE!

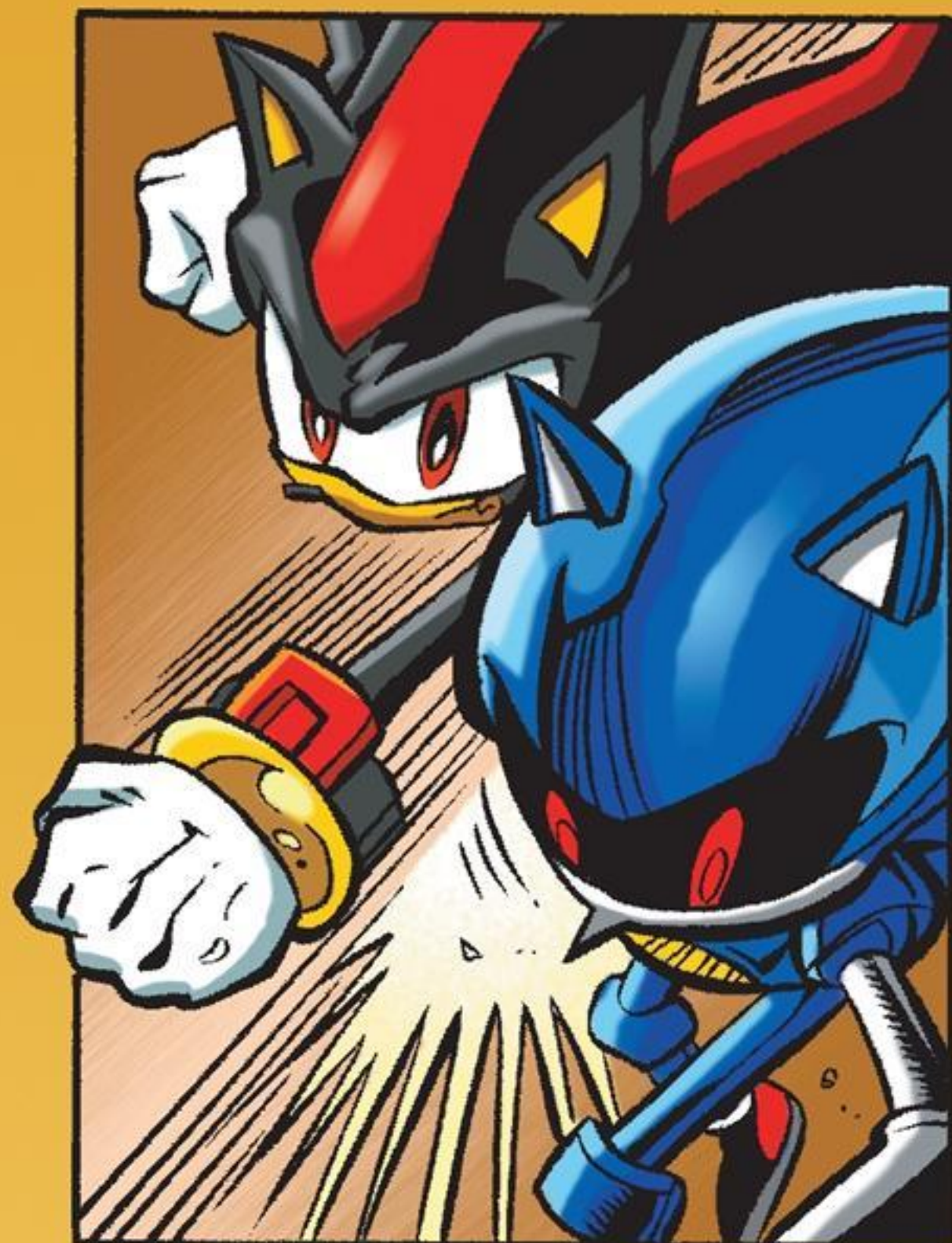


SHADOW

THE HEDGEHOG

THE ULTIMATE LIFEFORM

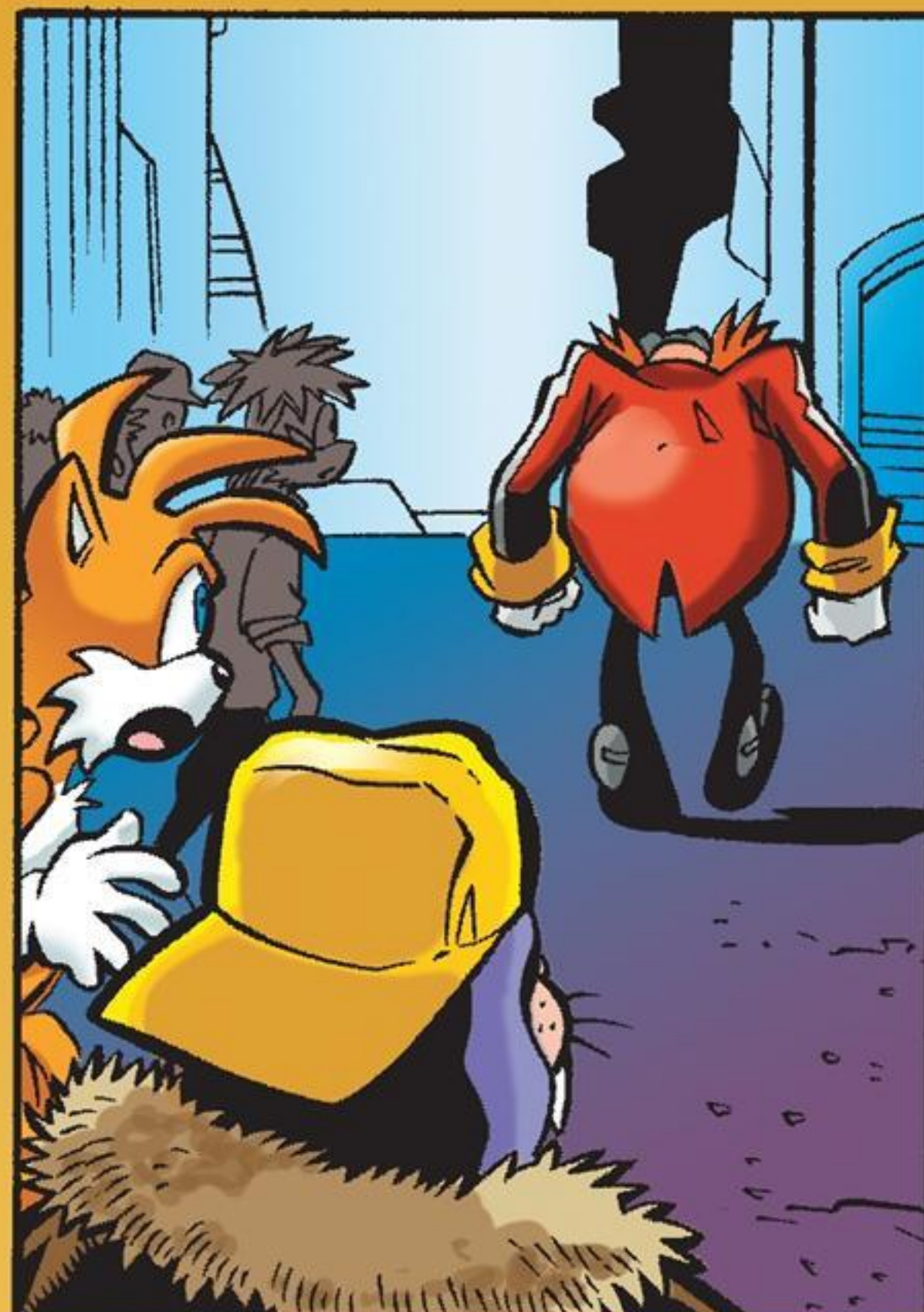
INVESTIGATING THE LABORATORY WHERE HIS CREATOR DR. GERALD WAS ONCE HELD PRISONER, SHADOW DISCOVERED METAL SONIC DOING LIKewise. THE REINTRODUCTION DIDN'T GO WELL...



WHEN METAL SONIC FOUND HIMSELF ON THE LOSING END, HE FIRED A HIGH-ENERGY WEAPON WHICH EXPLODED IN ITS HAND, LEAVING THE COMBATANTS DAMAGED, UNCONSCIOUS, AND READY TO BE HAULED AWAY BY MECHA, "DAUGHTER" OF DOCTOR GERALD'S DESCENDANT, DOCTOR ROBOTNIK...



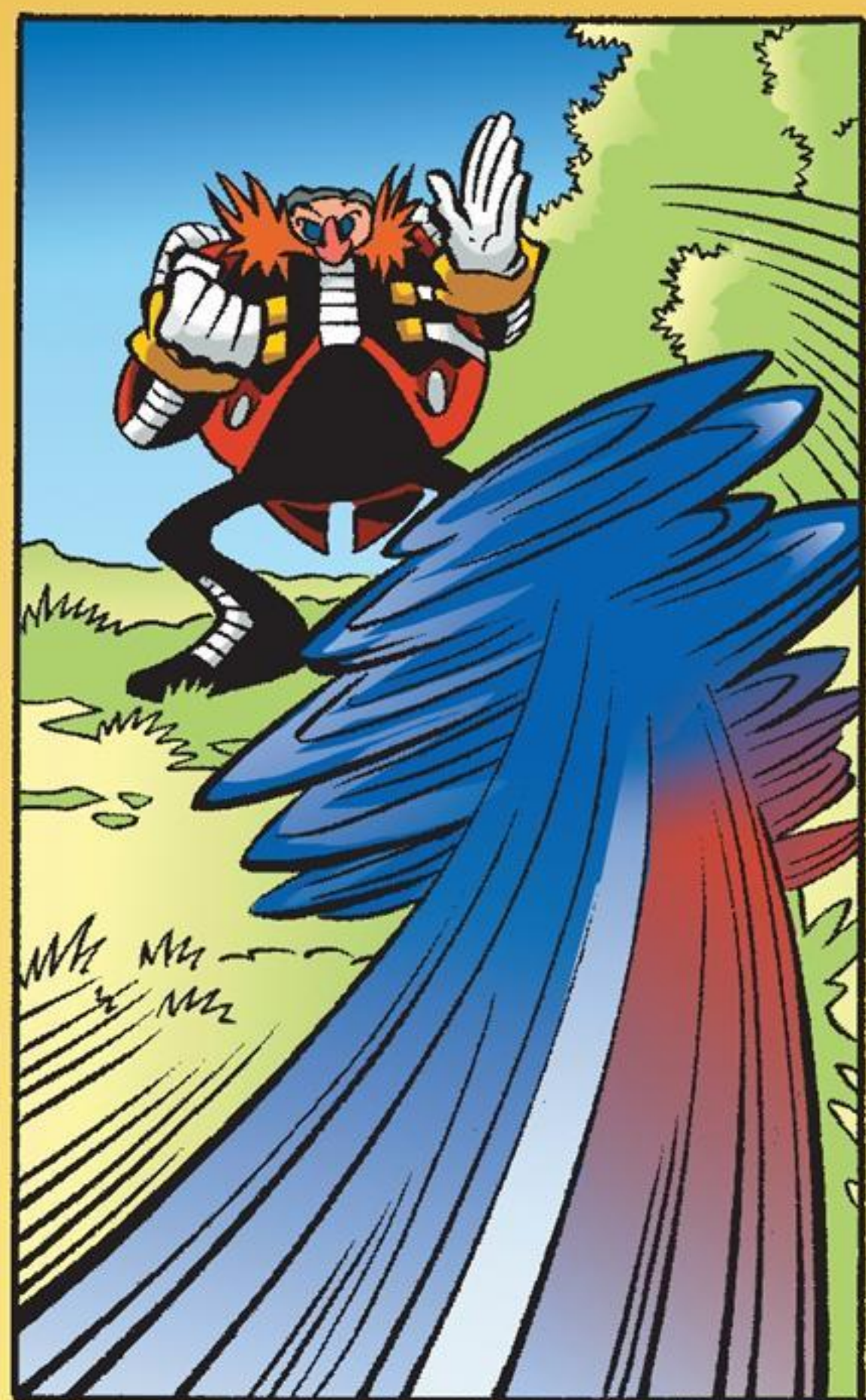
MEANWHILE, OVER IN KNOTHOLE, EVERYONE WAS IN AN UPROAR OVER THE UNEXPECTED ARRIVAL OF THE LAST PERSON THEY COULD IMAGINE WALKING AMONG THEM...



WHEN THE VILLAINOUS ROBOTNIK SHOWED UP ON SONIC'S DOORSTEP, THE BLUE BLUR'S REACTION WAS BOTH SPONTANEOUS AND PREDICTABLE--

UPON ARRIVING AT ROBOTNIK'S BASE OF OPERATIONS, SONIC AND COMPANY FOUND THEMSELVES UNDER ATTACK BY MECHA--

--WHO BLOCKED ROBOTNIK'S ESCAPE WHILE AN ARMY OF METAL SONICS SURROUNDED HIM, AS SONIC AND ROTOR LAY NEARBY, UNCONSCIOUS...



--UNTIL HE LEARNED WHY HIS GREATEST NEMESIS HAD COME TO HIM...



SONIC
THE HEDGEHOG

SYSTEM RECONFIGURATION

MY MASTER
IS NOW IN
CONTROL!

...HAS
NOW
COMMENCED...

YOU MEAN
OTHER THAN
ME? WE'LL
SEE ABOUT
THAT!

A.D.A.M.--
OVERRIDE
SYSTEM
MECHA!

A.D.A.M.?

A.D.A.M.
!!!

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CONFOUND IT! THEIR PROGRAM-
MING MUST BE SCRAMBLED BY
AN OUTSIDE SOURCE!

SEEMS LIKE SNIVELY*
HAS GIVEN THE RODENTS
THE KEYS TO MY
EMPIRE!

*SNIVELY IS
ROBOTNIK'S
NEPHEW, AND
HAS JOINED
WITH SONIC
IN SONIC
#152.

CRUSH--

KILL!

--DESTROY
!!!

AS FOR THESE
PIRATED KNOCK-OFFS,
CONSIDERING I HAD
NOTHING TO DO WITH
THEIR CONSTRUCTION--



--I LIKE THEIR SPIRIT--

--THOUGH THEIR TIMING LEAVES A LOT TO BE DESIRED!

JUST ANOTHER SECOND--



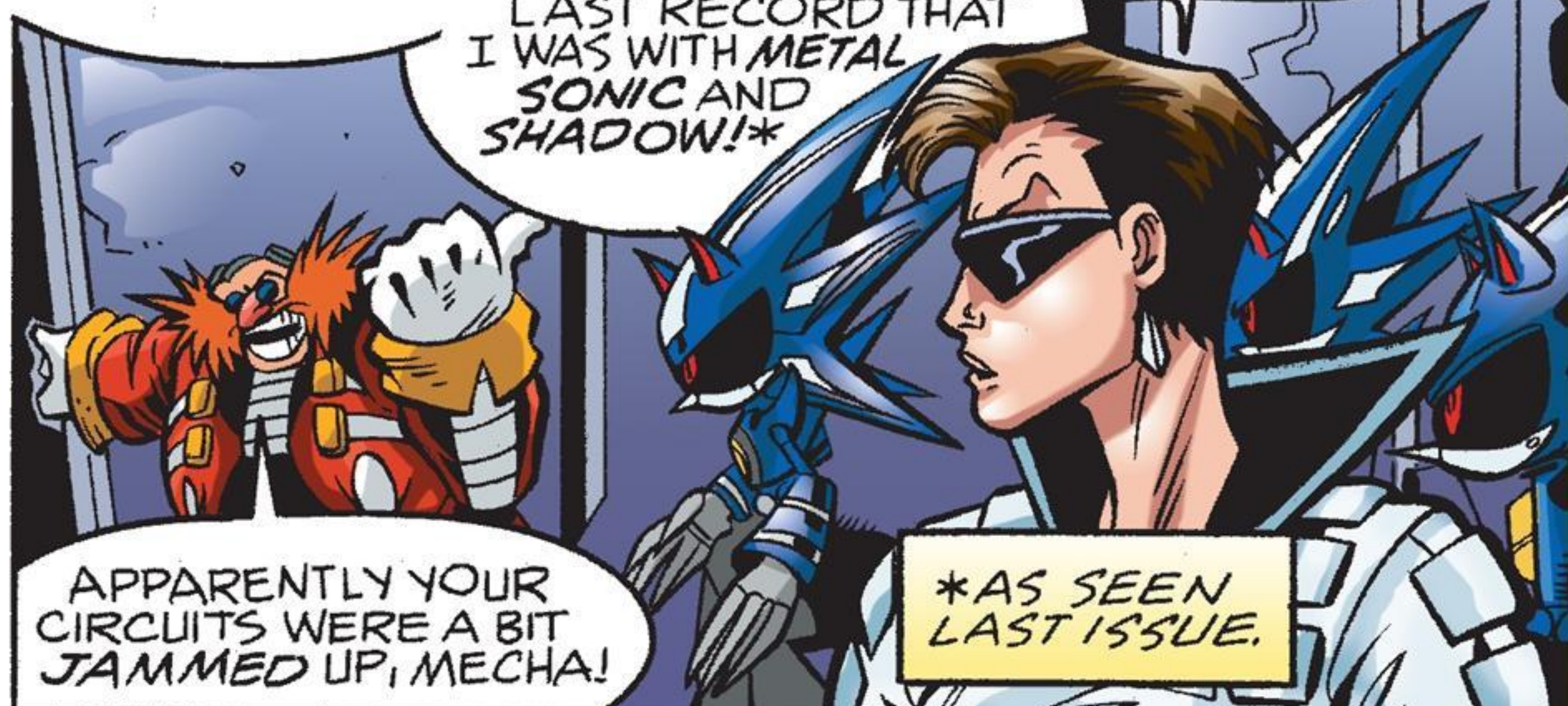
--AND VOILÀ!!!

MY PHASE INVERTER SHOULD EVEN THE ODDS!

WHRRP

FATHER, THIS DOES NOT COMPUTE!

MY DATA-BANKS LAST RECORD THAT I WAS WITH METAL SONIC AND SHADOW!*



APPARENTLY YOUR CIRCUITS WERE A BIT JAMMED UP, MECHA!

*AS SEEN LAST ISSUE.



UNFORTUNATELY, THESE SECOND-RATE KNOCK-OFFS OPERATE ON A DIFFERENT FREQUENCY!

I TAKE IT YOU MEAN THESE SUPERIOR DESIGNED METAL SONICS?



YOU CAN SAVE THE CONSUMER REPORT FOR LATER--

--AS OUR IMMEDIATE CONCERN IS SELF-PRESERVATION!



STILL, IT ALL MAY NOT BE A TOTAL LOSS!

YOUR MISSION HAS OBVIOUSLY YIELDED UNEXPECTED DIVIDENDS.

YOU MEAN SHADOW?

WELL, CERTAINLY
NOT THAT BUSTED-UP
PIECE OF *WRECKAGE*
THAT'S LYING NEXT
TO HIM!

NOW GET US
OUT OF HERE,
MECHA--

"--AS A.D.A.M.
IS NOT RE-
SPONDING
TO MY
SIGNALS!"

YOU KNOW,
THERE ARE
DAYS--

--WHEN
IT JUST
DOESN'T
PAY TO GET
OUT OF
BED!

LIKE--
WHAT WAS I
THINKING
IN COMING
HERE?

WHOA
--!!!

METAL
SONICS!!!
AN ARMY
OF 'EM!!!

I MAY
LIKE THE
DESIGN--

--BUT
I CAN'T
LET YOU
GUYS RUN
WILD!

MY *SENSORS*
INDICATE YOU ARE
BIOLOGICAL!

OH!
ROBO-BUTT'S
REALLY INTO
OVERKILL,
ISN'T HE?

OH,
MY!

HOLD,
TROOPER
SEVEN!

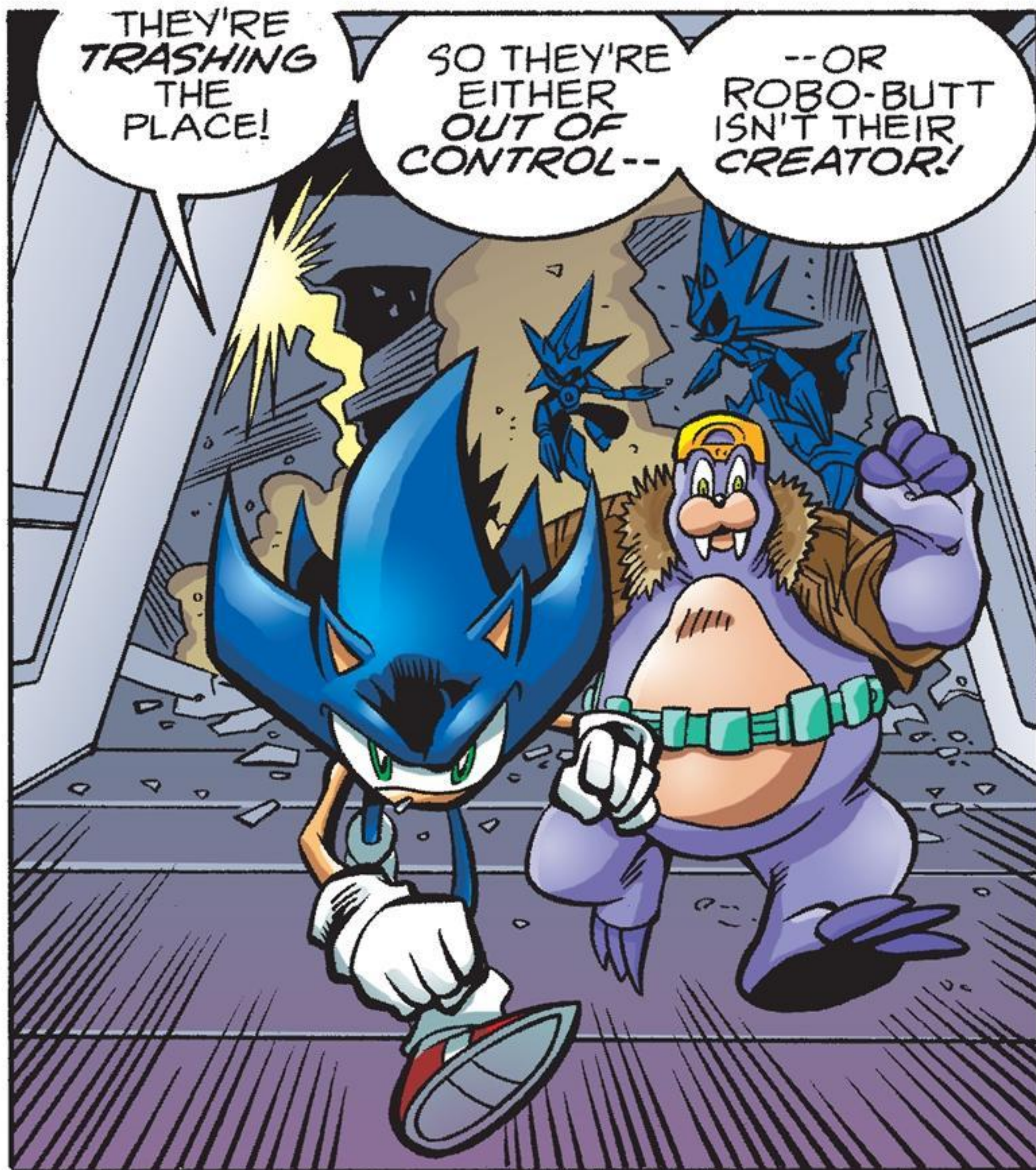
YOU ARE
ADDRESSING
MODEL
ONE!

"MODEL
ONE"?



YOU HAVE ANY *CLUE* WHAT THAT WALKING PILE OF CIRCUITS IS TALKING ABOUT?

NONE WHATSOEVER!



THEY'RE *TRASHING* THE PLACE!

SO THEY'RE EITHER *OUT OF CONTROL*--

--OR *ROBO-BUTT* ISN'T THEIR CREATOR!



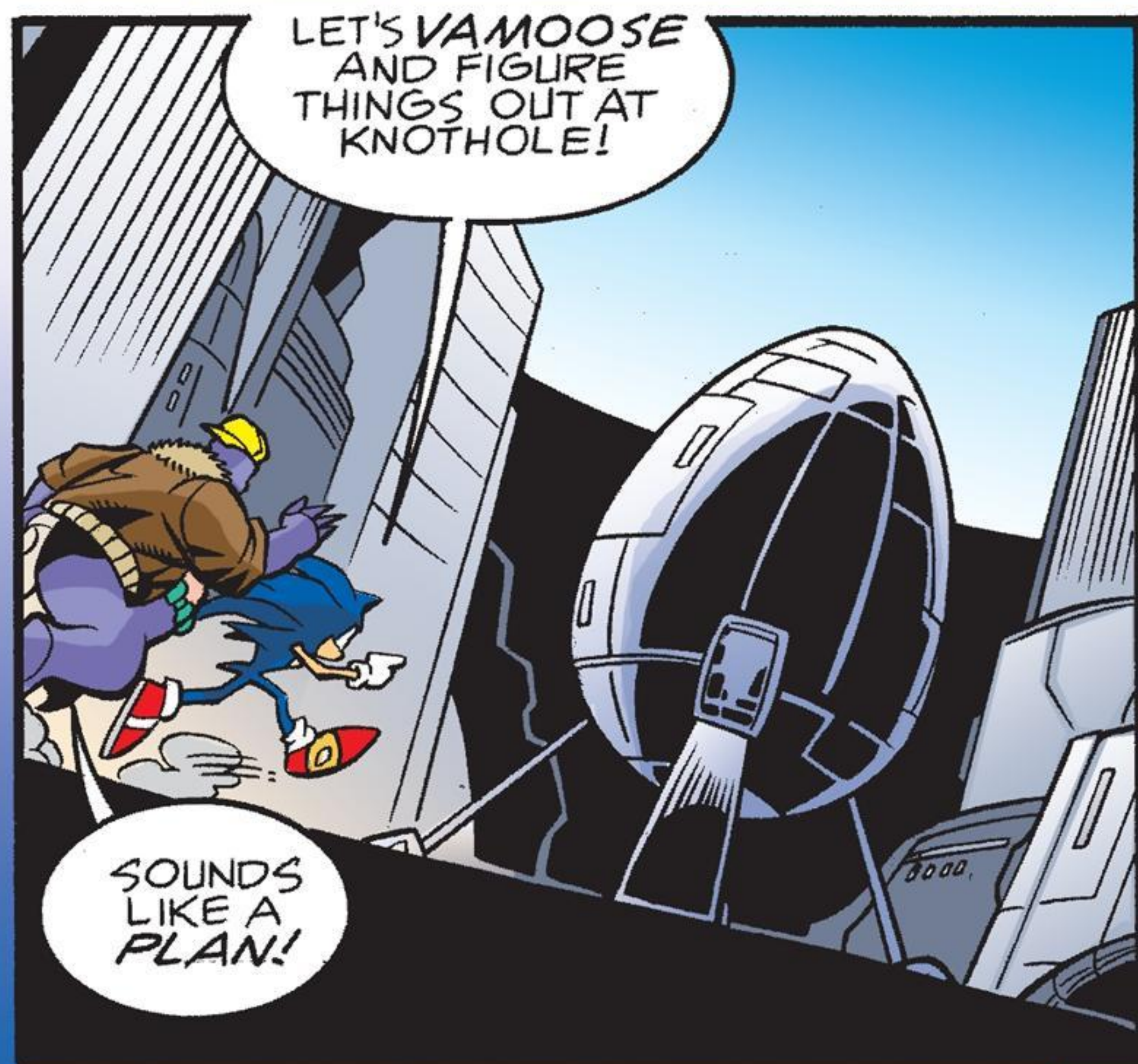
WHO COULD POSSIBLY BUILD THEM IF NOT *ROBOTNIK*?

LIKE THAT'S A LONG LIST!



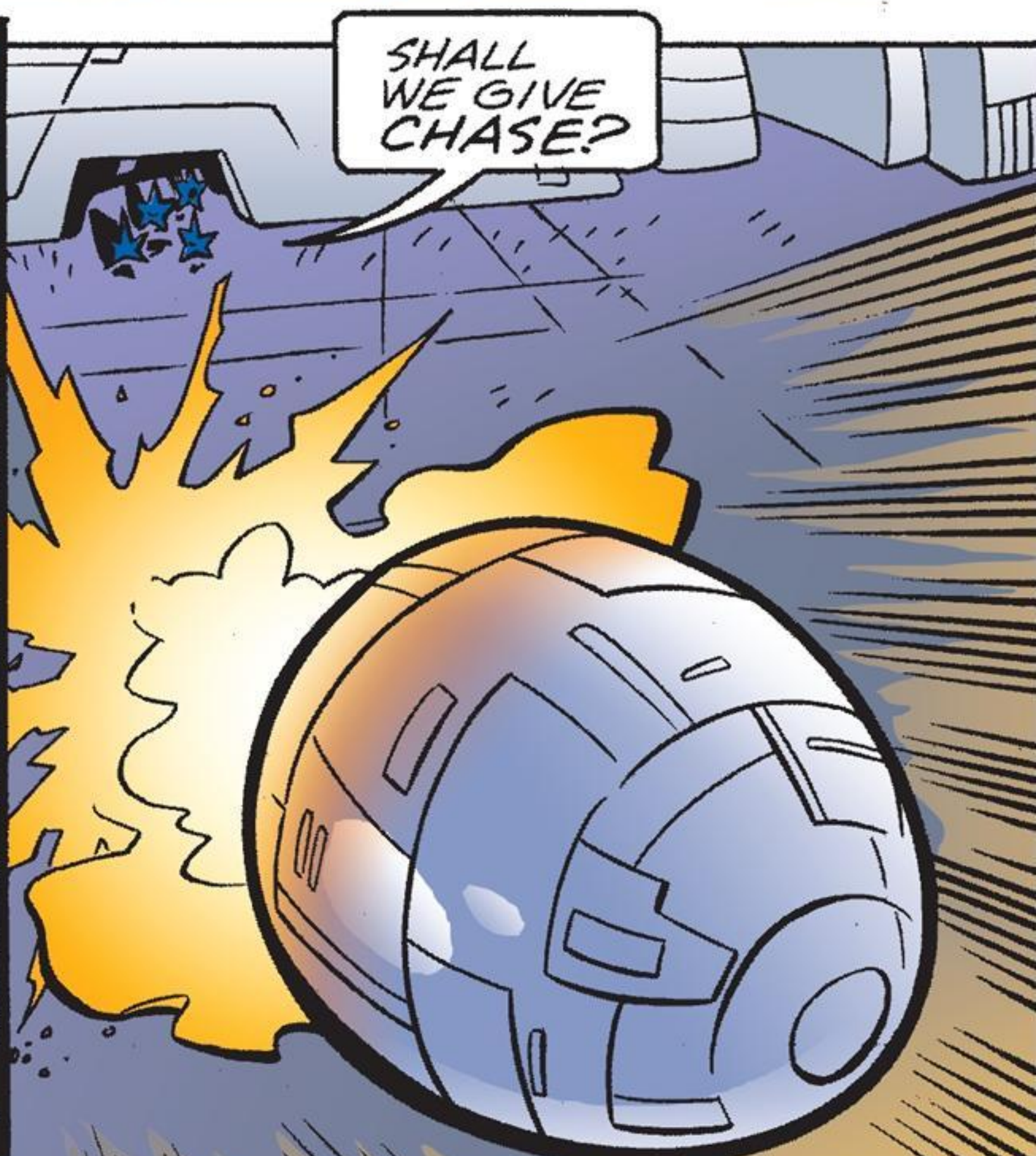
THAT'S JUST IT!

NONE OF THE *USUAL SUSPECTS* I COME UP WITH MAKES ANY SENSE!



LET'S *VAMOOS*E AND FIGURE THINGS OUT AT *KNOTHOLE*!

SOUNDS LIKE A *PLAN*!

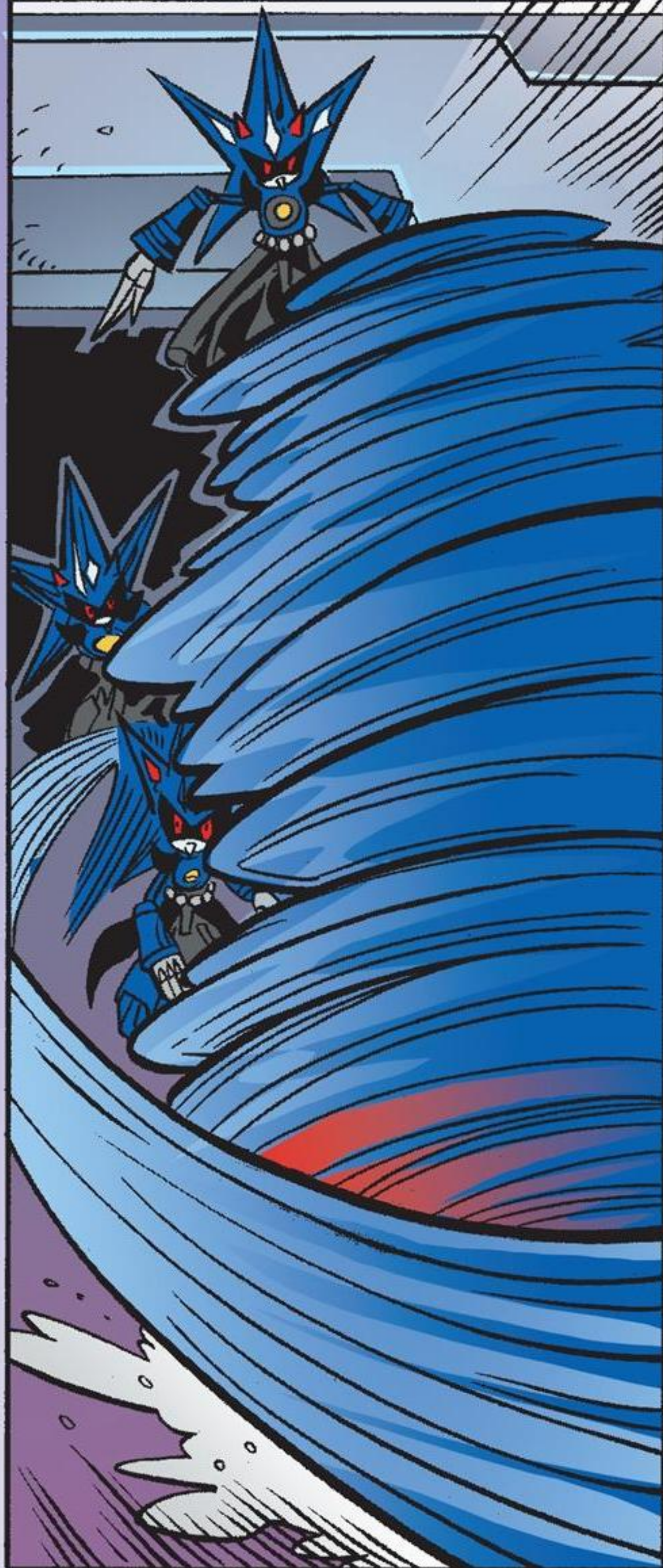


SHALL WE GIVE *CHASE*?

NEGATIVE!

MY SENSORS
DETECT NEITHER
OUR OBJECTIVE
NOR HIS CREA-
TIONS WITHIN
THE POD!

THEREFORE, WE
WILL PROCEED AS
OUTLINED IN OUR
MISSION
PARAMETERS--



"--TO SEEK THE
BIOLOGICAL
ENTITY KNOWN
AS IVO
ROBOTNIK--

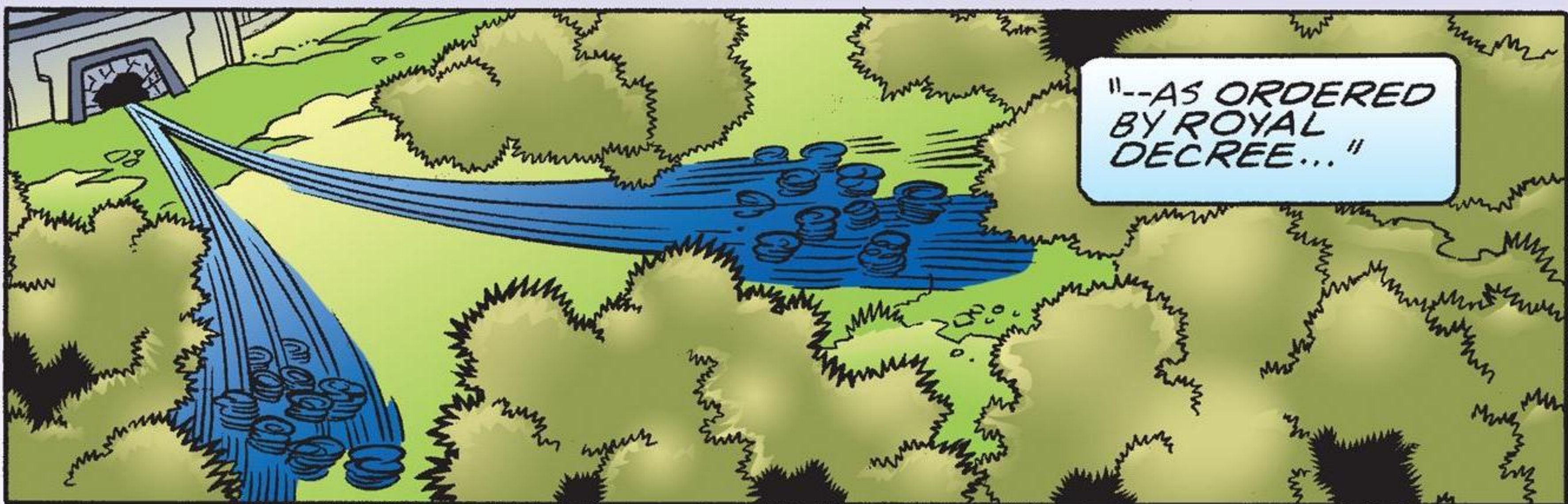
"--ALONG WITH
ANY AND ALL
OPERATIVES
AND INSTALLA-
TIONS--



"--AND
ELIMINATE
WITH EXTREME
PREJUDICE--



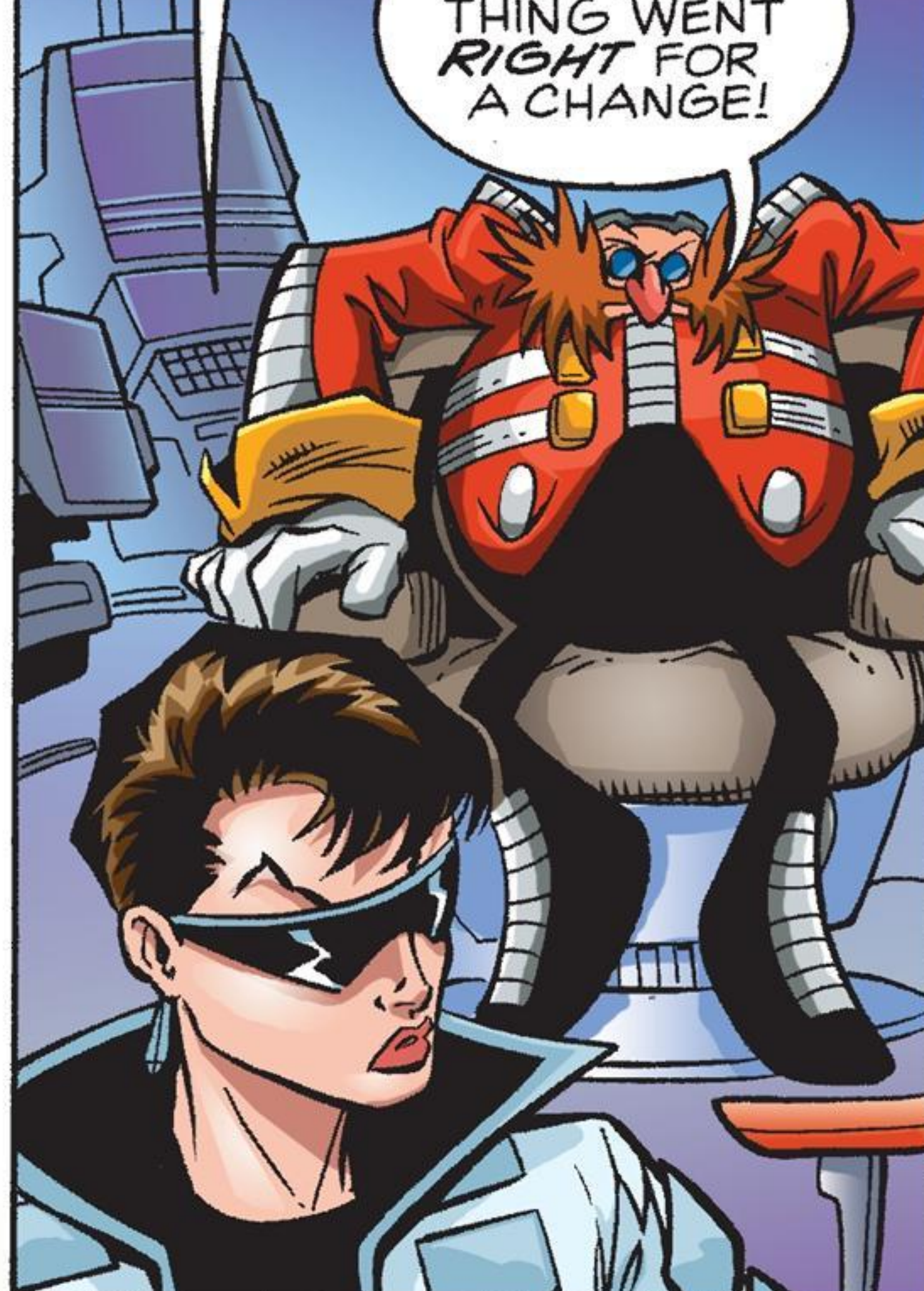
"--AS ORDERED
BY ROYAL
DECREE..."



--THREE--TWO--
ONE--FILES
ARE NOW
DOWNLOADED,
FATHER--



--AND READY
FOR YOU TO
ACCESS
THEM!



EXCELLENT,
MECHA!

IT'S ABOUT
TIME SOME-
THING WENT
RIGHT FOR
A CHANGE!

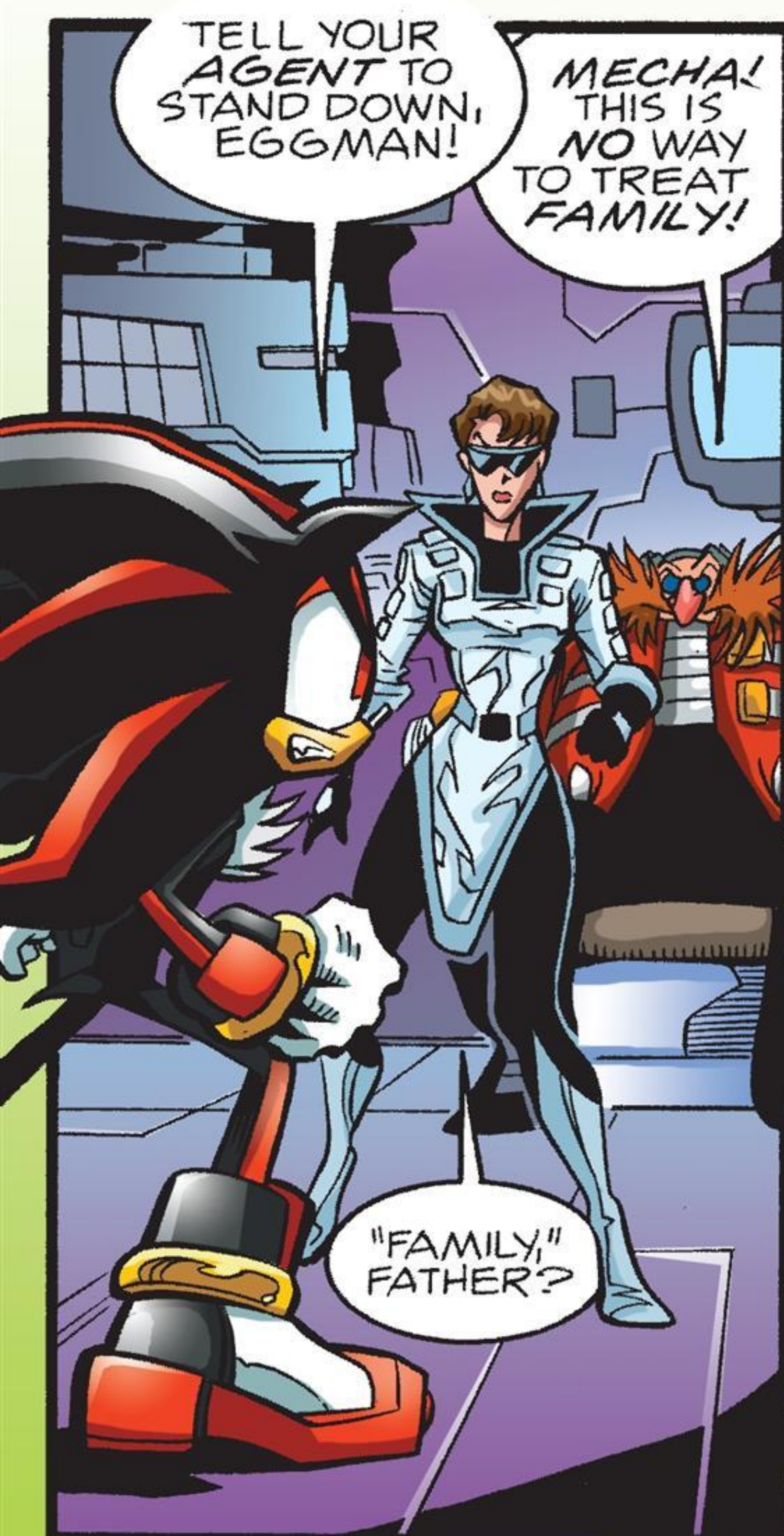
WELL, NOW...
ISN'T *THIS*
INTERESTING!



ISN'T
WHAT
INTEREST-
ING?

TELL YOUR
AGENT TO
STAND DOWN,
EGGMAN!

MECHA!
THIS IS
NO WAY
TO TREAT
FAMILY!



"FAMILY,"
FATHER?

I DON'T
UNDER-
STAND!

NOR
DO I!

WE ARE
NOTHING
ALIKE!



NOT
"US,"
YOU
CRETIN!

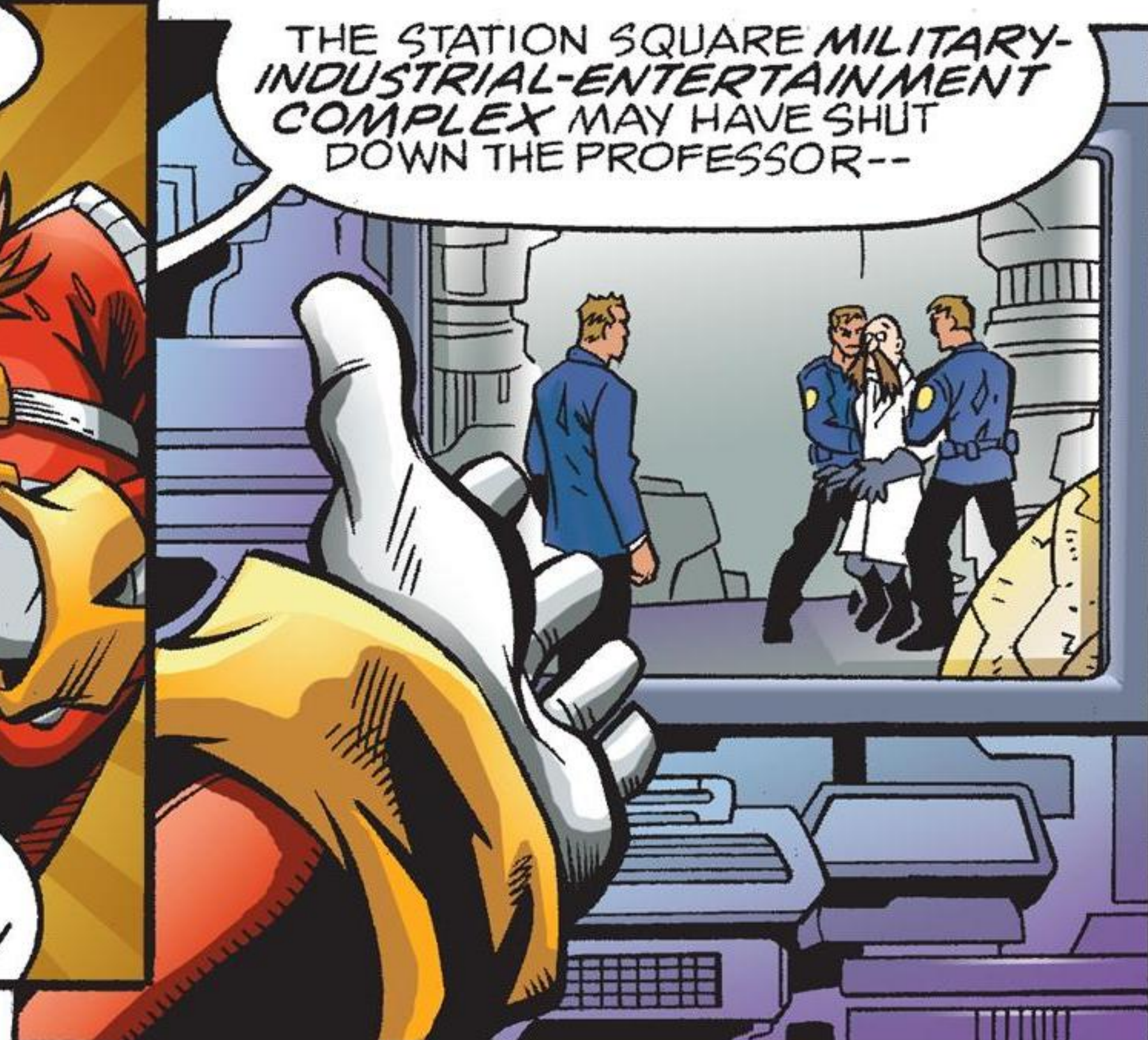
I FIND IT AMAZING
THAT, AS A SENTIENT
BEING, YOU FAIL TO SEE
THE FAMILY
RESEMBLANCE!

I'M
TALKING
ABOUT MY
GRAND-
FATHER--

--YOUR
CREATOR!

P-PRO-
FESSOR
GERALD
?!





"HOW ABOUT LEARNING WHO CREATED THOSE METAL SONICS--AND WHY?"

SIR CHARLES?
I WAS TOLD YOU
NEEDED TO
SEE ME!

WHAT
THE DEVIL
COULD BE SO
IMPORTANT
DOWN HERE?

SIR
CHARLES
!!!

MY WORST
FEARS
REALIZED--

--AND KING
ELIAS HAS NO
IDEA WHAT HE'S
STUMBLED ONTO!

SIR
CHARLES!

WHAT HAVE YOU BEEN
DOING IN THE SEALED-
OFF PORTION OF THE
CASTLE?

WHAT DO
I SAY?

THE TRUTH
THAT WOULD
HORRIFY HIM--

--OR A LIE TO
COVER THIS UP?

I
...AH...
A--

A SPECIAL
PROJECT CONCEIVED
BEFORE YOU CAME TO
POWER APPARENTLY
HAS BEEN
ACTIVATED--

--AND MAY
BE OUT OF
CONTROL!

AND THE
NATURE
OF THIS
PROJECT--?

I DIDN'T
EVEN KNOW THIS
PLACE WAS DOWN
HERE!



SONIC AND ROTOR!
IS *EITHER* ONE OF
YOU INVOLVED WITH
SIR CHARLES'S
PROJECT?

UHH--THIS
IS MY *FIRST*
TIME TO THE
DUNGEON!

THIS WAS STARTED BY
YOUR FATHER AND I. ITS
TIME YOU AND SONIC
ARE BROUGHT UP
TO SPEED.



SONIC AND ROTOR ARE
HERE BECAUSE I SENT
FOR THEM, AS THIS CON-
CERNS *KINGDOM*
SECURITY!

THE
KINGDOM...

...STANDS
THREATENED?
FROM WHOM?

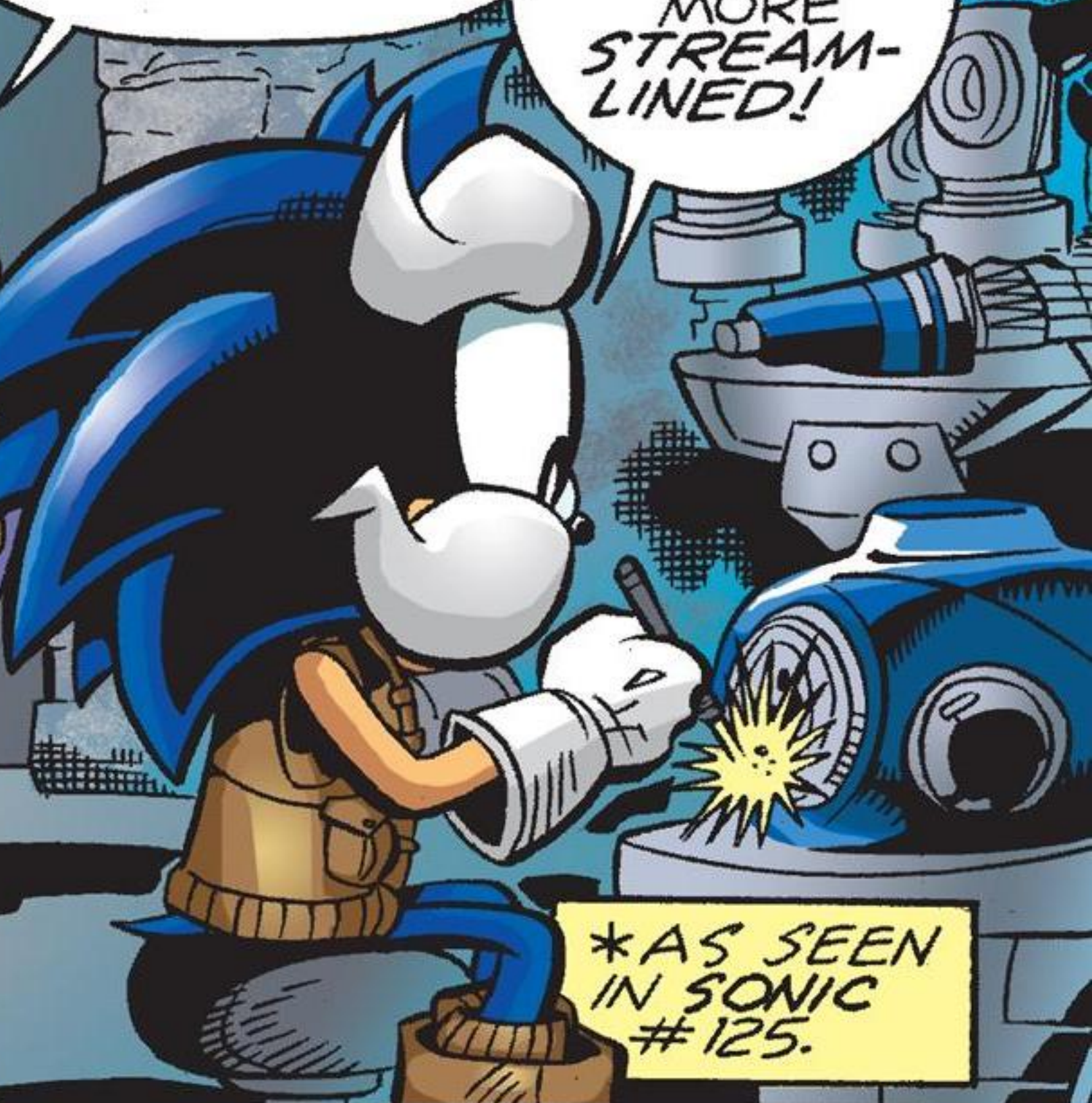


"A BETTER QUESTION WOULD BE FROM
WHAT?' WHEN THE KINGDOM'S
GREATEST WARRIOR HAD
VANISHED WITHOUT A TRACE,*
THE CONSENSUS WAS THAT IT WOULD
REQUIRED A SPECIAL DEFENSE
FORCE TO REPLACE HIM--

--AND SO, ONE WAS BUILT,
FASHIONED IN HIS IMAGE...
AS AN EXTRA DETERRENT--

WON'T ANYONE BE
CONFUSED BETWEEN
OUR VERSION AND
ROBOTNIK'S?

HARDLY!
OURS
WILL BE
BETTER--
MORE
STREAM-
LINED!



*AS SEEN
IN SONIC
#125.



"--BUT UPON SONIC'S
RETURN, THE PROJECT
WAS DEEMED UNNECES-
SARY AND EVENTUALLY
ABANDONED."

THIS IS ONE *GENIE*
I'M GLAD WE DIDN'T
LET OUT OF THE
BOTTLE!

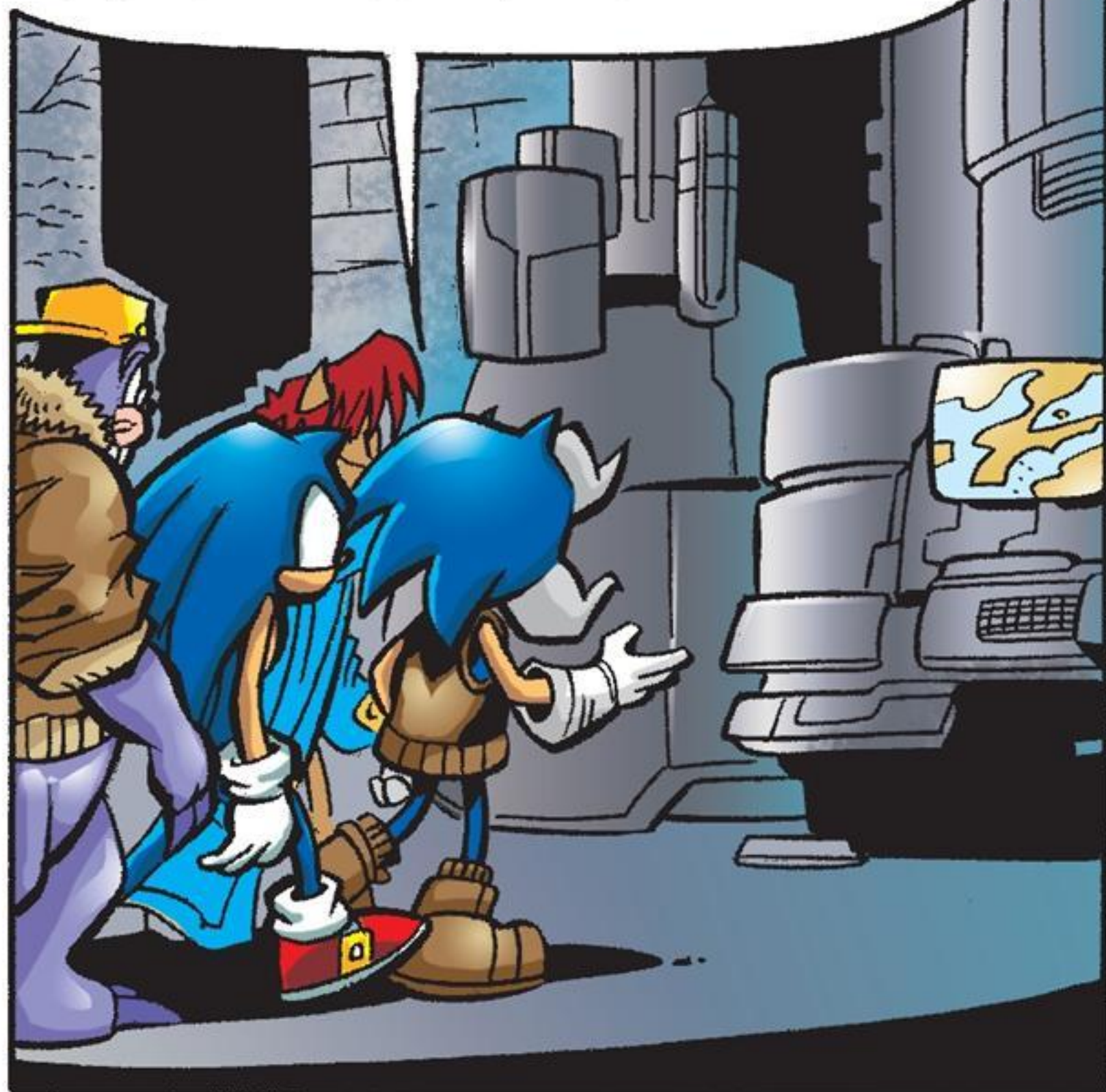
SHUTDOWN
IN PROGRESS



IF YOU *SECURED* THE
DEFENSE FORCE, THEN
WHERE IS IT?

A GOOD
QUESTION--

ANTICIPATING THE **AWESOME** POWER WE WOULD BE **UNLEASHING**, SEVERAL **FAIL-SAFES** WERE INSTALLED AS A PRECAUTION!



THE LATEST IN **FIBER-OPTIC** TECHNOLOGY WAS UTILIZED TO ALLOW FOR **TRACKING** AND **VISUAL MONITORING**--



--AND IN THE EVENT OF A **LOSS OF CONTROL**--

--THE **MEANS** TO **ABORT** THEIR OPERATION!

OH, DEAR! THEY'RE NOT RECEIVING THE **SIGNAL**!

A **SWARM** OF **METAL SONICS** AND NOT A ONE UNDER **MY CONTROL**!

HOW IS THAT **POSSIBLE**?



IS SOMEONE **MESSING** WITH THE **TRANSMISSION**?

I **RECOGNIZE** THAT **STRUCTURE**!

HOPE DWELLS THERE!

NOT FOR **MUCH LONGER**!

IN FACT, I RATE ANYONE'S CHANCES OF EVEN **SURVIVING** THAT **ONSLAUGHT** AS--

--**SLIM TO NONE**!

YOU MAY BE **UNABLE** TO **ACT**--



--**BUT I CAN**!

AS LONG AS **HOPE LIVES**--



"--HOPE WILL
ENDURE!!"

GOTTA
JUICE TO
THE MAX!

NOT
AGAIN! NOT
THIS TIME!

THOUGH I FAILED
TO SAVE MARIA,*
I WON'T REPEAT
THAT MISTAKE
WITH HOPE!

*SEE SONIC
98 AND # 145.

NOT
THIS
TIME!

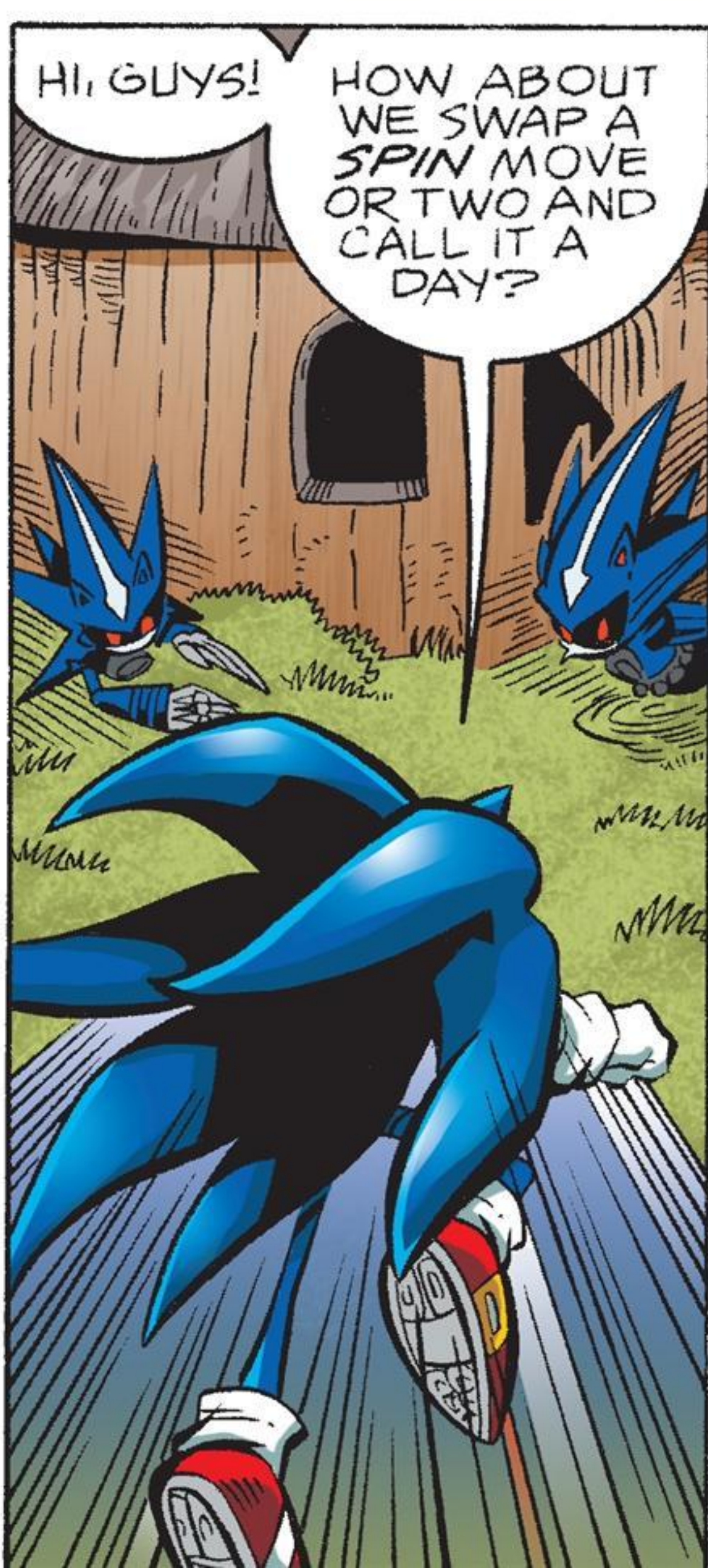
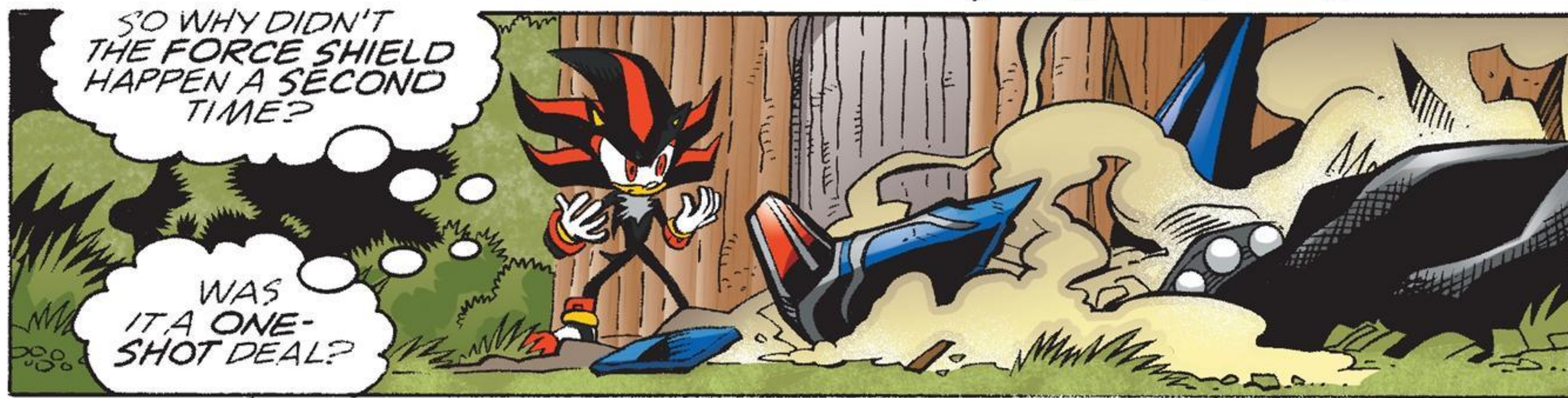
THWUUM

THWNAAM

HOW
DID I DO
THAT?

OOF!

BHAM



"I'VE GOTTA FIND MY UNC
A HOBBY TO KEEP HIM
OUTSIDE HIS LAB."

WHAT KIND OF
PARENTS ARE
WE, JULES--

--LETTING
OUR SON GO
OFF WITH
THAT
HORRIBLE
MAN?!

--BUT THE REALITY
IS... OUR SON HAS HAD
MORE EXPERIENCE
IN DEALING WITH
ROBOTNIK THAN
WE HAVE!

SONIC HAS PLAYED
AN IMPORTANT PART
IN SAVING US FROM
THAT TYRANT!

IT'S
DIFFERENT
NOW! HE HAS
US AGAIN!

AND AS HIS
PARENTS, IT'S
OUR JOB TO
PROTECT
HIM!

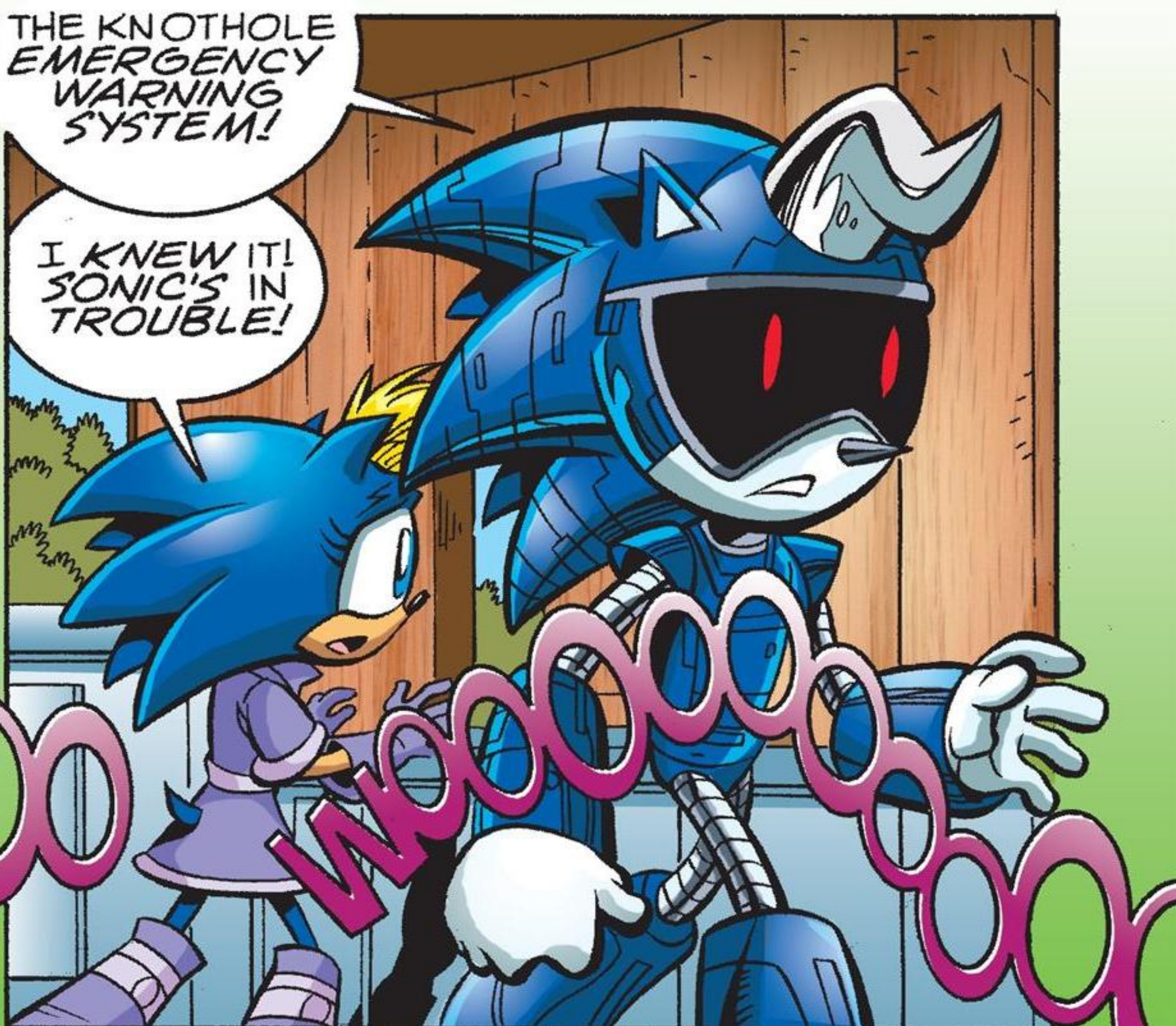
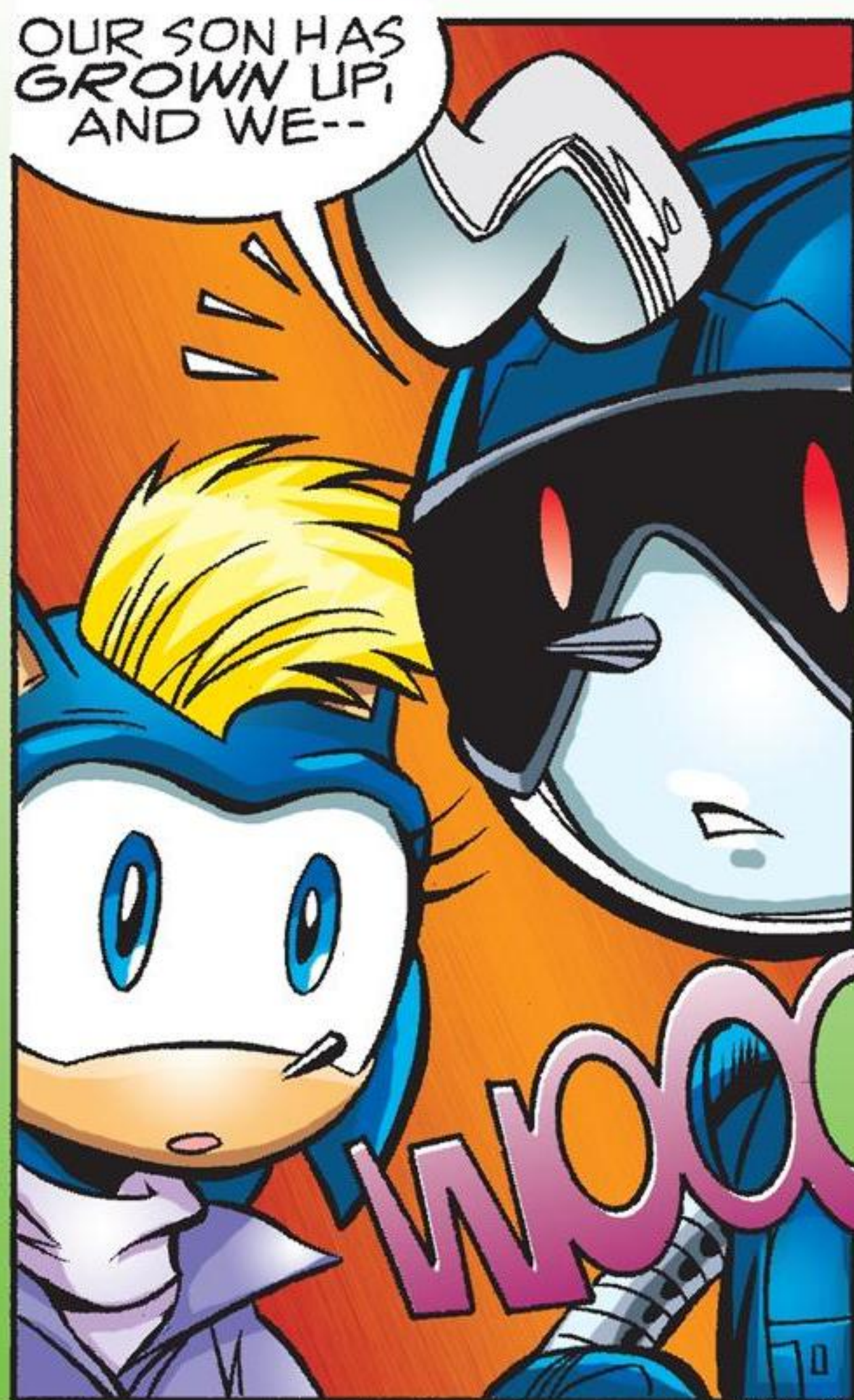
AGREED! BUT--
HE'S NOT THE
TODDLER WE
LEFT WITH CHARLES
YEARS AGO!

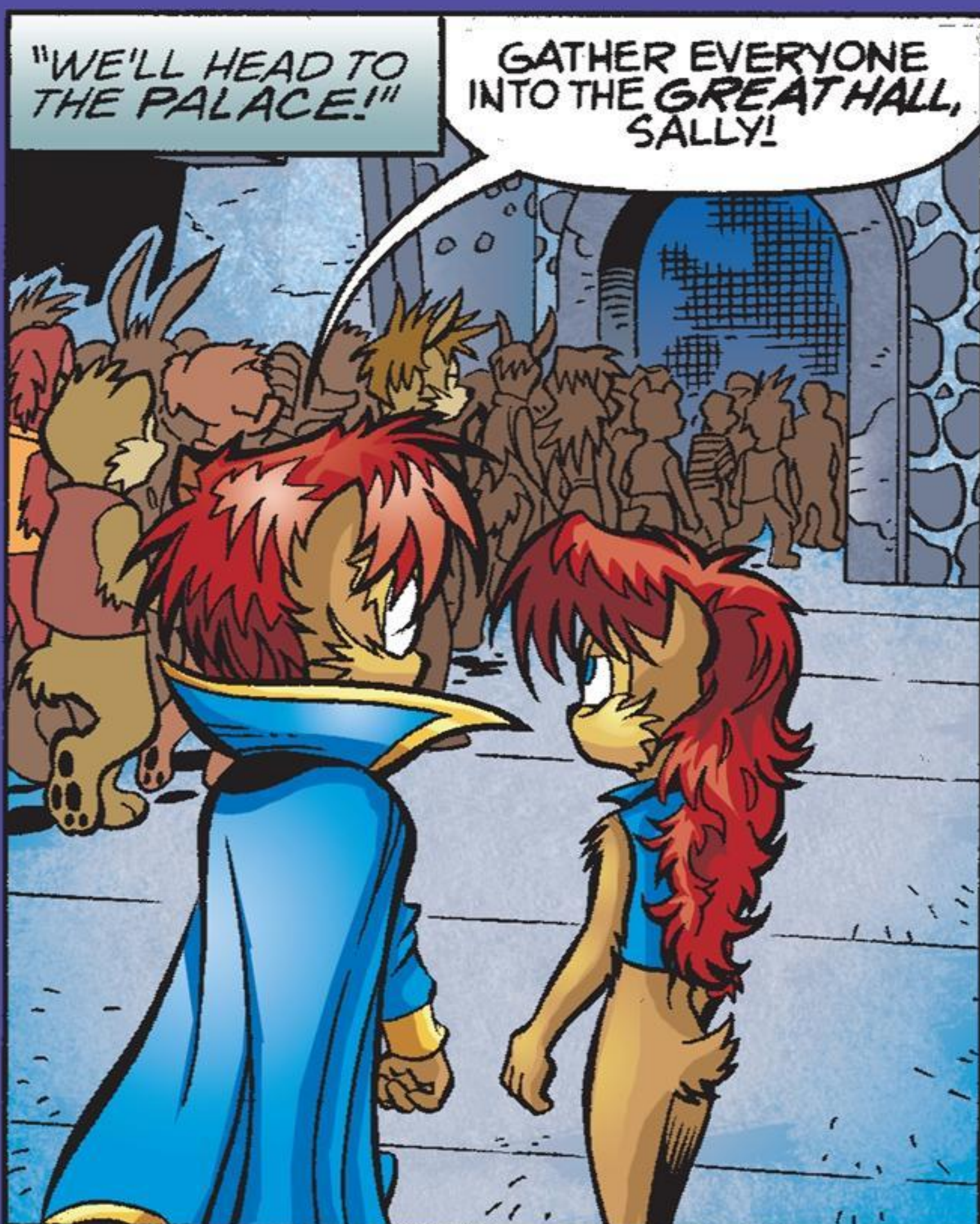
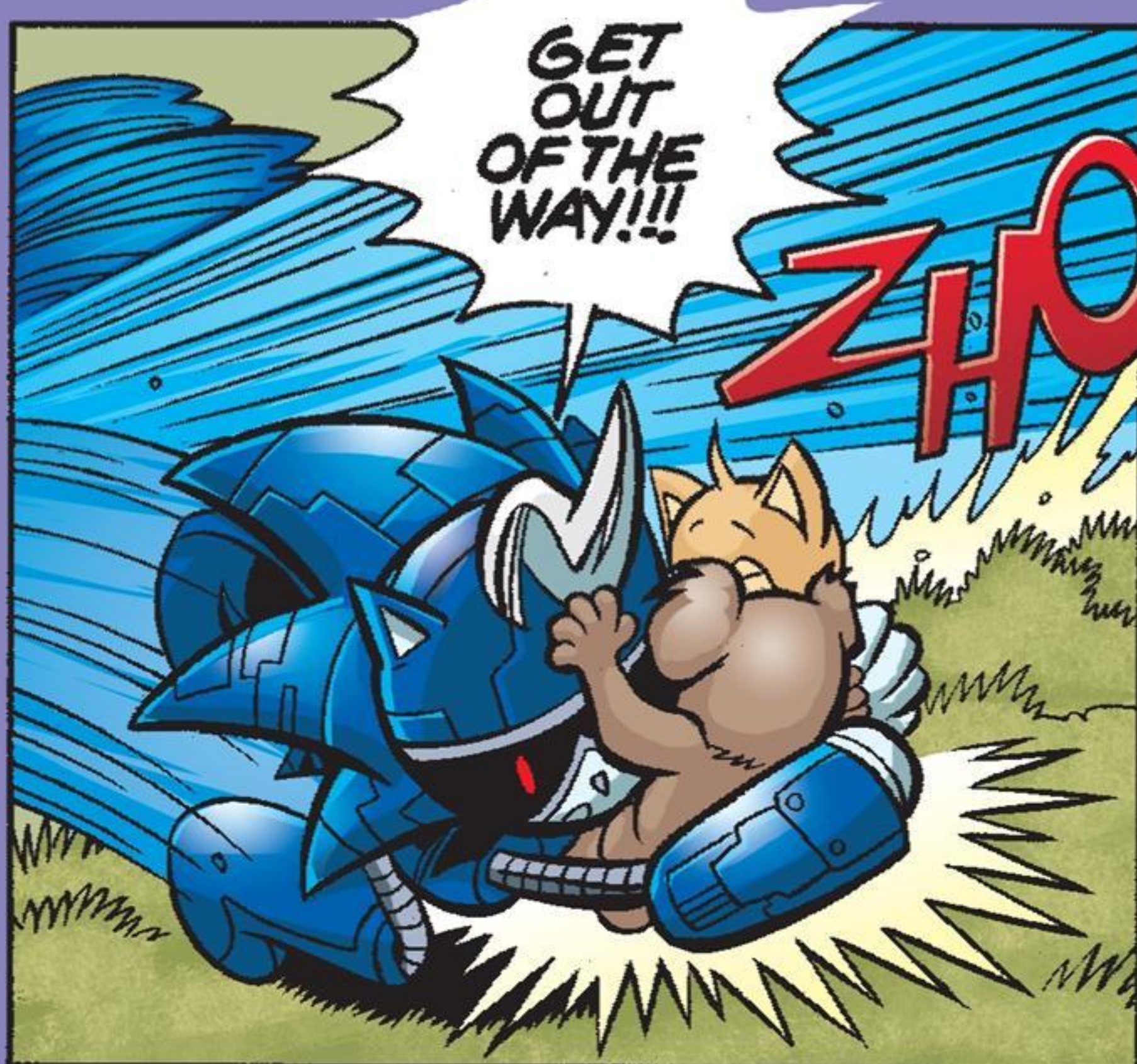
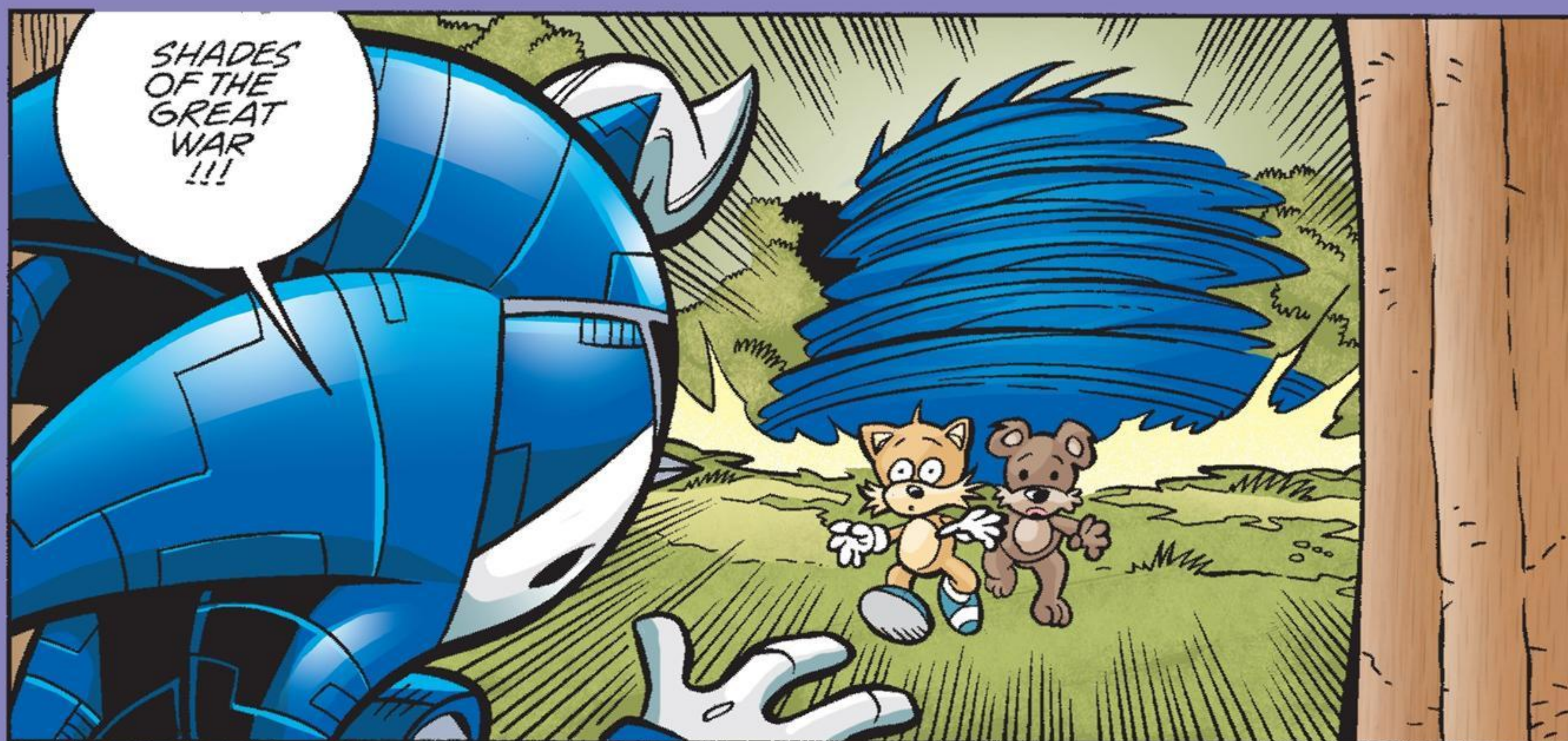
I'VE BEEN
ASKING
MYSELF
THAT, HON--

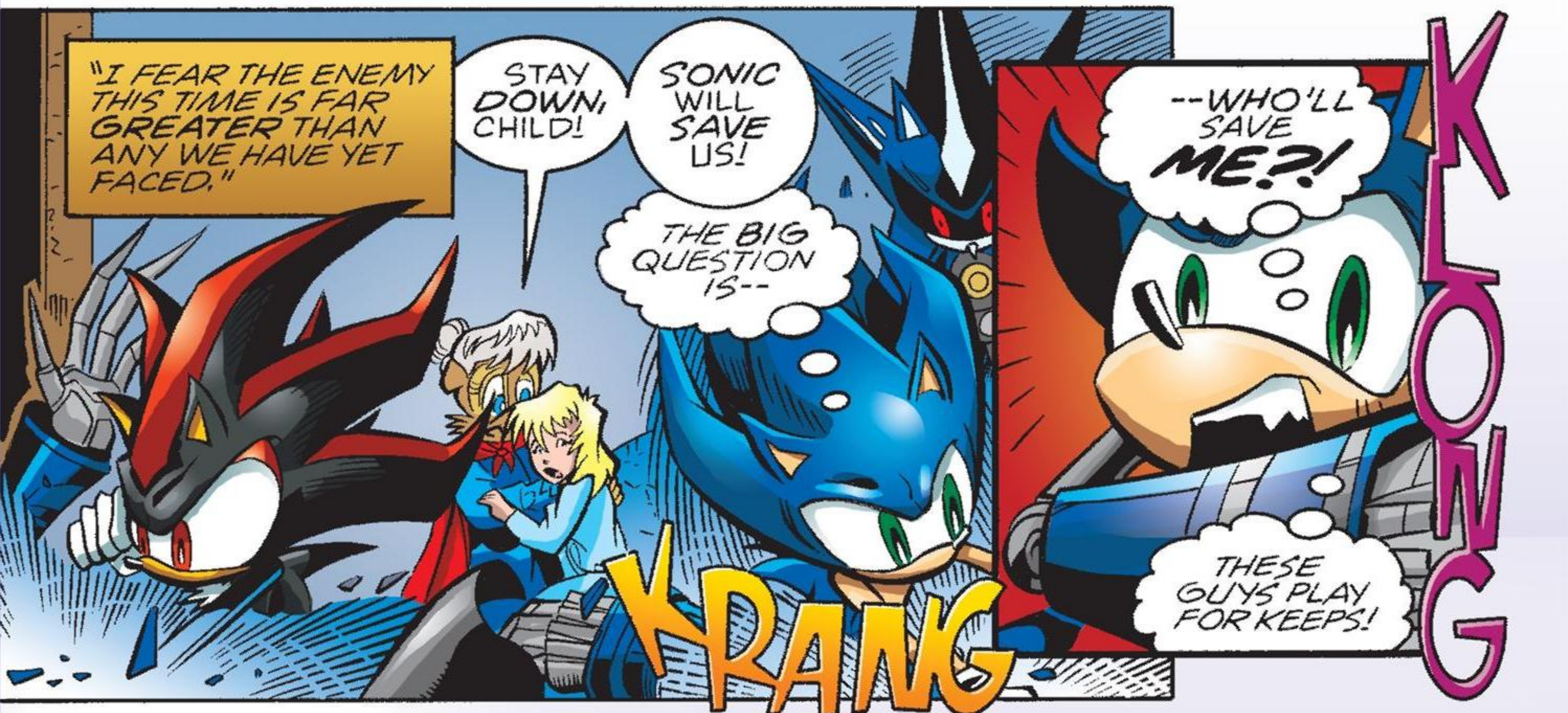
OUR SON HAS
GROWN UP,
AND WE--

THE KNOTHOLE
EMERGENCY
WARNING
SYSTEM!

I KNEW IT!
SONIC'S IN
TROUBLE!







"I FEAR THE ENEMY
THIS TIME IS FAR
GREATER THAN
ANY WE HAVE YET
FACED."

STAY
DOWN,
CHILD!

SONIC
WILL
SAVE
US!

THE BIG
QUESTION
IS--

--WHO'LL
SAVE
ME?!

THESE
GUYS PLAY
FOR KEEPS!

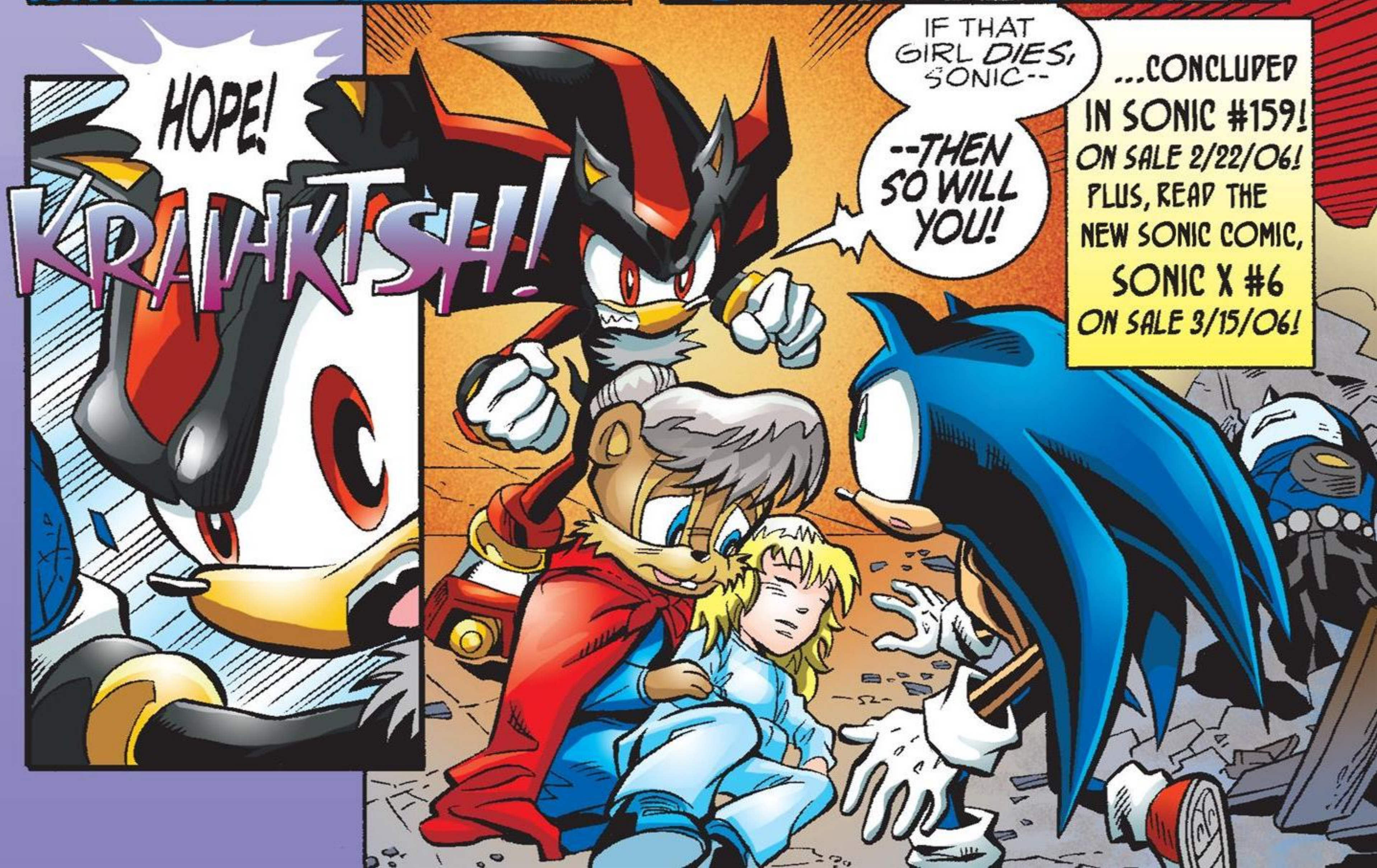
KLANG

KLONG

ONE THING MY
UNC DIDN'T
PROGRAM
INTO YOU
'BOTS--

--IS
HOW TO BE
WAY PAST
COOL!

WHAM



HOPE!

KRAHKTSH!

IF THAT
GIRL DIES,
SONIC--

--THEN
SO WILL
YOU!

...CONCLUDED
IN SONIC #159!
ON SALE 2/22/06!
PLUS, READ THE
NEW SONIC COMIC,
SONIC X #6
ON SALE 3/15/06!

BECAUSE HUGH DEMANDED IT!!!*

SONIC

THE HEDGEHOG

OFF-PANEL

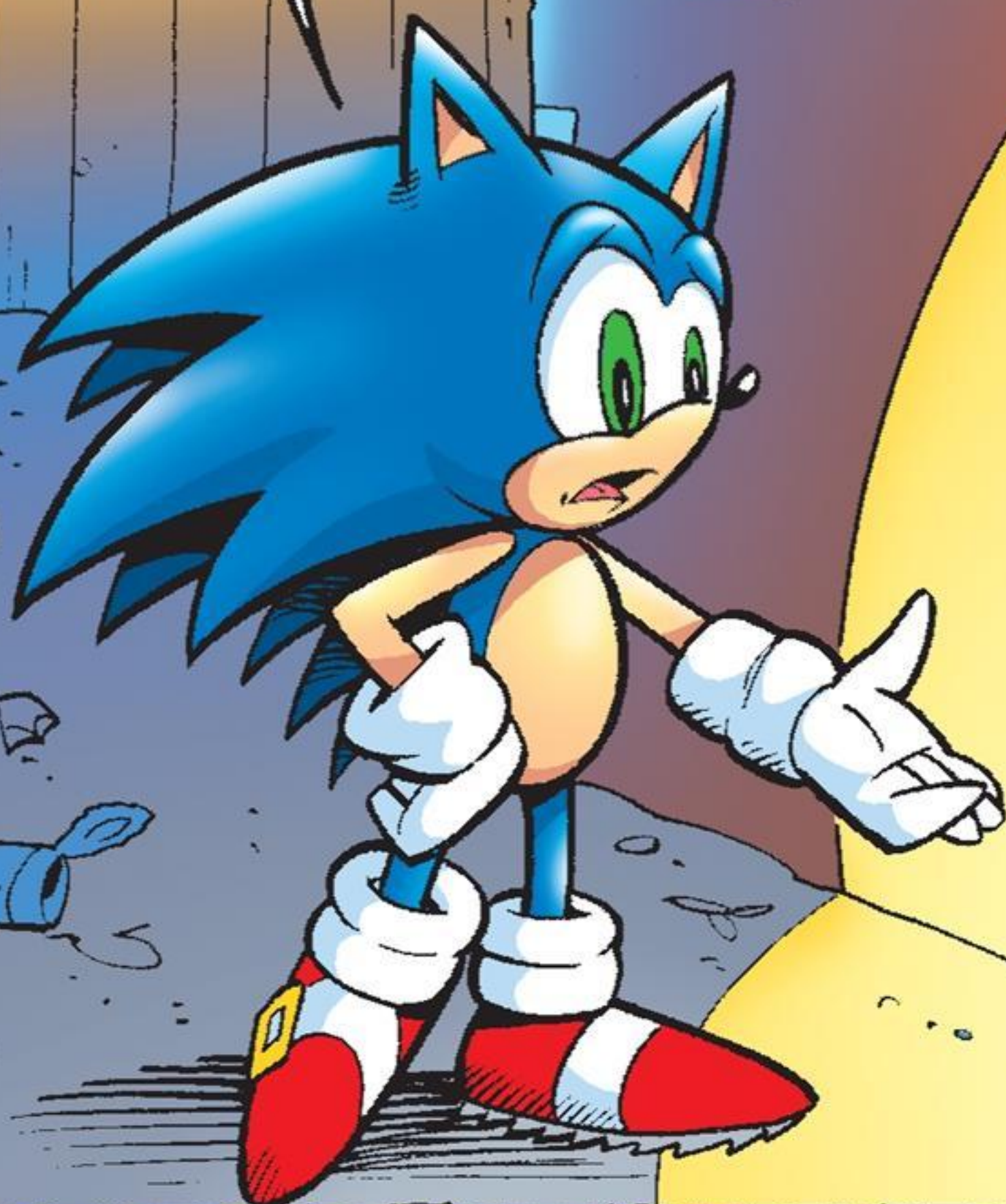
IN



INSIDER TREADING

MICHAEL GALLAGHER: SCREENWRITER
DAVE MANAK: STORYBOARDS
ANDREW PEPOY: LIGHTING
JOHN WORKMAN: TITLES and SOUND
JASON JENSEN: SPECIAL EFFECTS
MIKE PELLERITO: PRODUCER

YO, MP! WHAT'S UP WITH THE CLOAK AND DAGGER SCENARIO? WHY'D YOU HAVE ME MEET YOU IN THIS REMOTE, DARK ALLEY?



BECAUSE I--
AHEM! YOU HEARD HIM... THIS IS SUPPOSED TO BE A DARK ALLEY!



*HUGH IS THE GUY WHO REPAIRS OUR COPY MACHINE... BUT WE THOUGHT YOU'D ALSO LIKE TO SEE ANOTHER OFF-PANEL STORY!--MP.

C'MON, ALREADY! CAN I GET A LITTLE CO-OPERATION FROM THE LIGHTING BOOTH?
HELLO UP THERE!

Snap-Snap-Snap!



CHORTLE! THAT'S JUST THE FIRST OF YOUR DIRTY LITTLE SECRETS I PLAN TO SHINE A LIGHT ON!

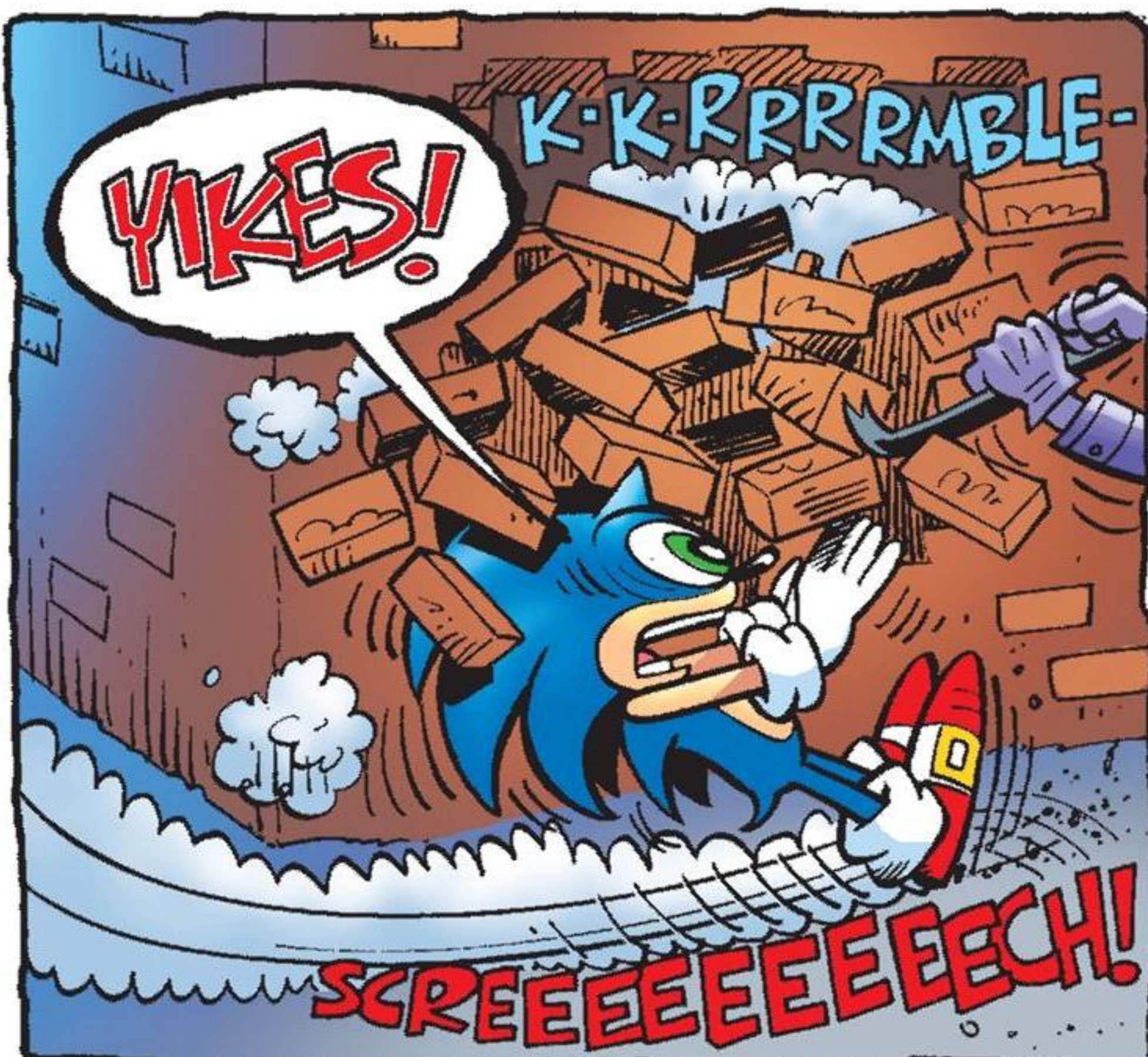
HUH?... WHO?... OVER THERE!



COME BACK HERE!



SONIC
--WAIT!
STOP!!!



YIKES!

K-K-RRRRMBLE-

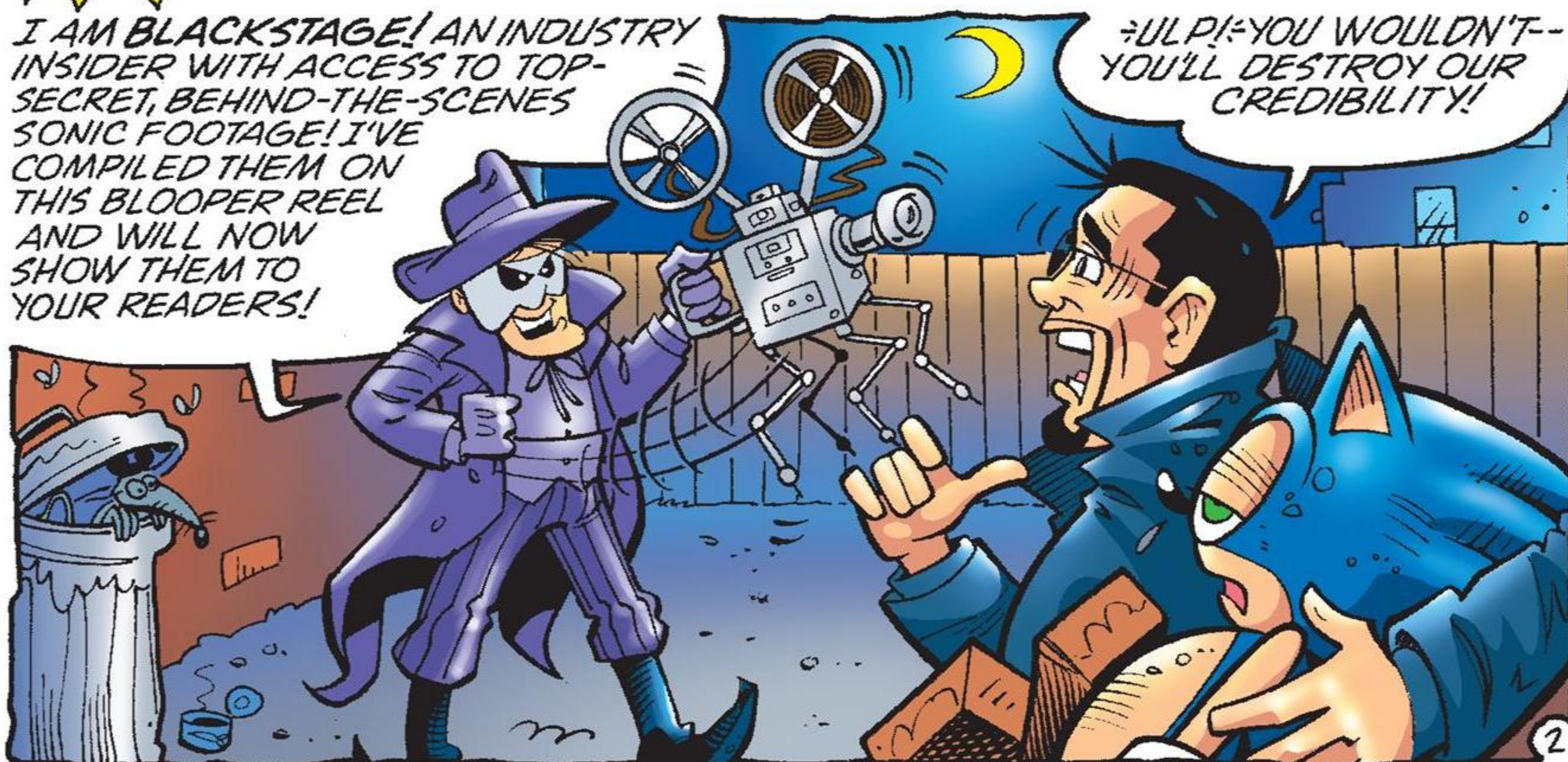
SCREEEEEEEECH!



Oooogah!
~gurgles~
...uh-unsigned...
~mumbles~
...where's m-muh
d-duh-double?...

SHHHH! DON'T
TRY TO--GASP!--
WHO ARE
YOU?!

I AM BLACKSTAGE! AN INDUSTRY
INSIDER WITH ACCESS TO TOP-
SECRET, BEHIND-THE-SCENES
SONIC FOOTAGE! I'VE
COMPILED THEM ON
THIS BLOOPER REEL
AND WILL NOW
SHOW THEM TO
YOUR READERS!

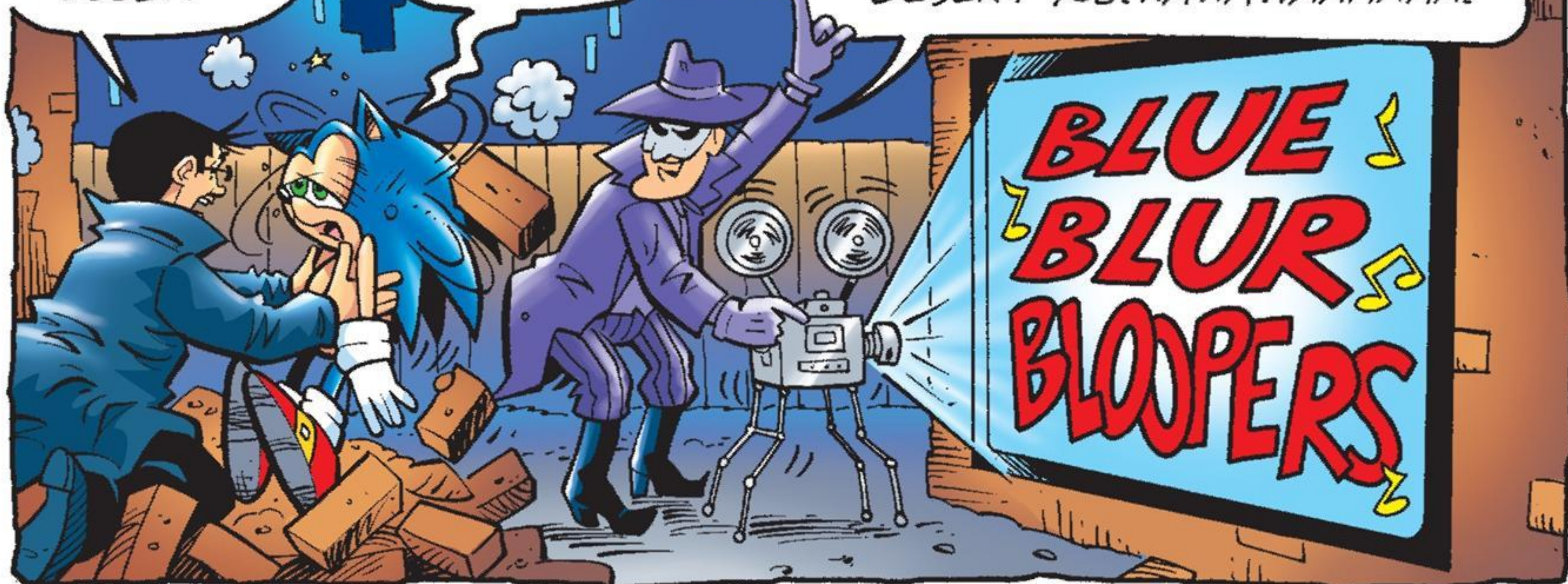


ULPI! YOU WOULDN'T--
YOU'LL DESTROY OUR
CREDIBILITY!

SONIC--GET UP!
TAKE HIM OUT
BEFORE THE
OUT-TAKES
DEBUT!

÷SPUTTER!÷
DAY-WHO?

TOO LATE! I NOW STRIP AWAY THIS
TITLE'S RESPECTABILITY BY EXPOSING
YEARS OF MANIPULATION AND DECEPTION!
SOON, ALL YOUR READERS WILL
DESERT YOU! HA HA HAAAAAA!

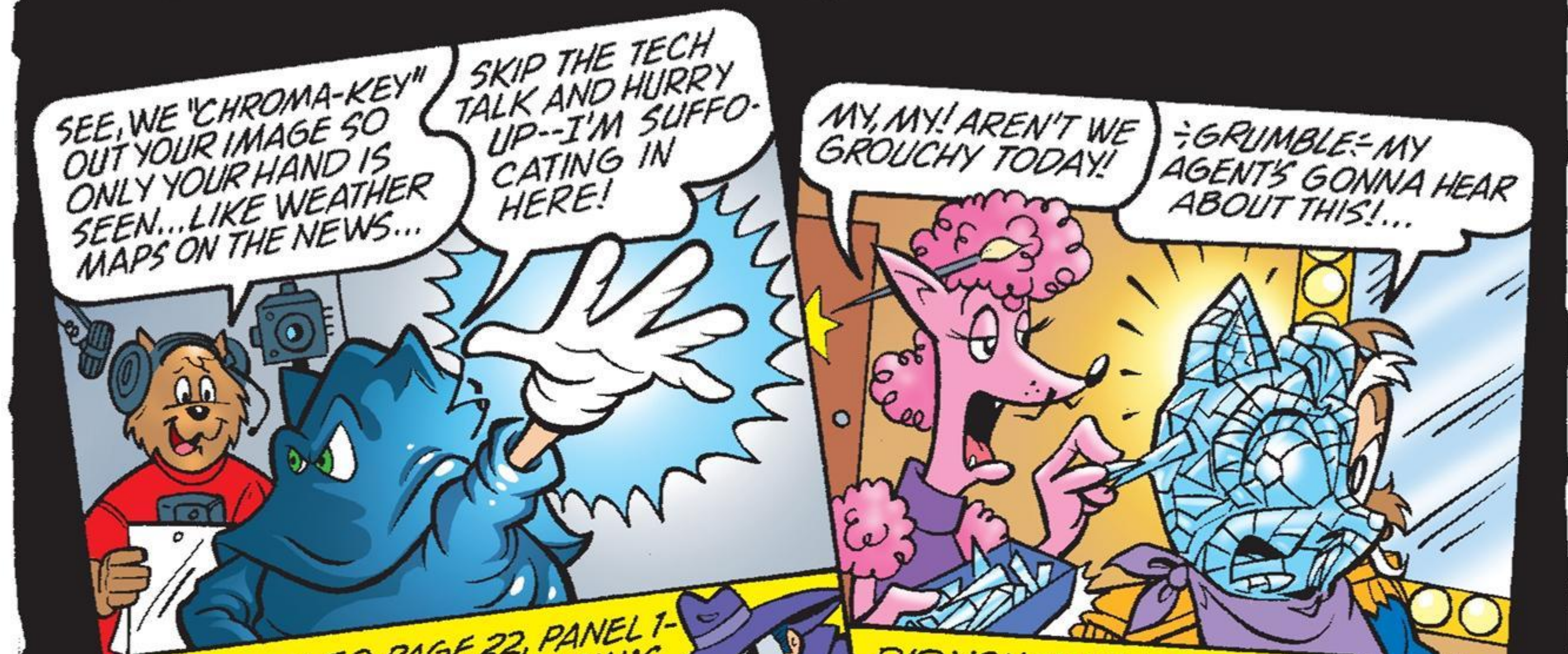


SEE, WE "CHROMA-KEY"
OUT YOUR IMAGE SO
ONLY YOUR HAND IS
SEEN... LIKE WEATHER
MAPS ON THE NEWS...

SKIP THE TECH
TALK AND HURRY
UP--I'M SUFFO-
CATING IN
HERE!

MY, MY! AREN'T WE
GROUCHY TODAY!

÷GRUMBLE÷ MY
AGENTS' GONNA HEAR
ABOUT THIS!...



IN ISSUE # 50, PAGE 22, PANEL 1-
DID YOU REALLY THINK SONIC WAS
FREEING HIMSELF FROM THE
ULTIMATE ANNIHILATOR? TSK-TSK!

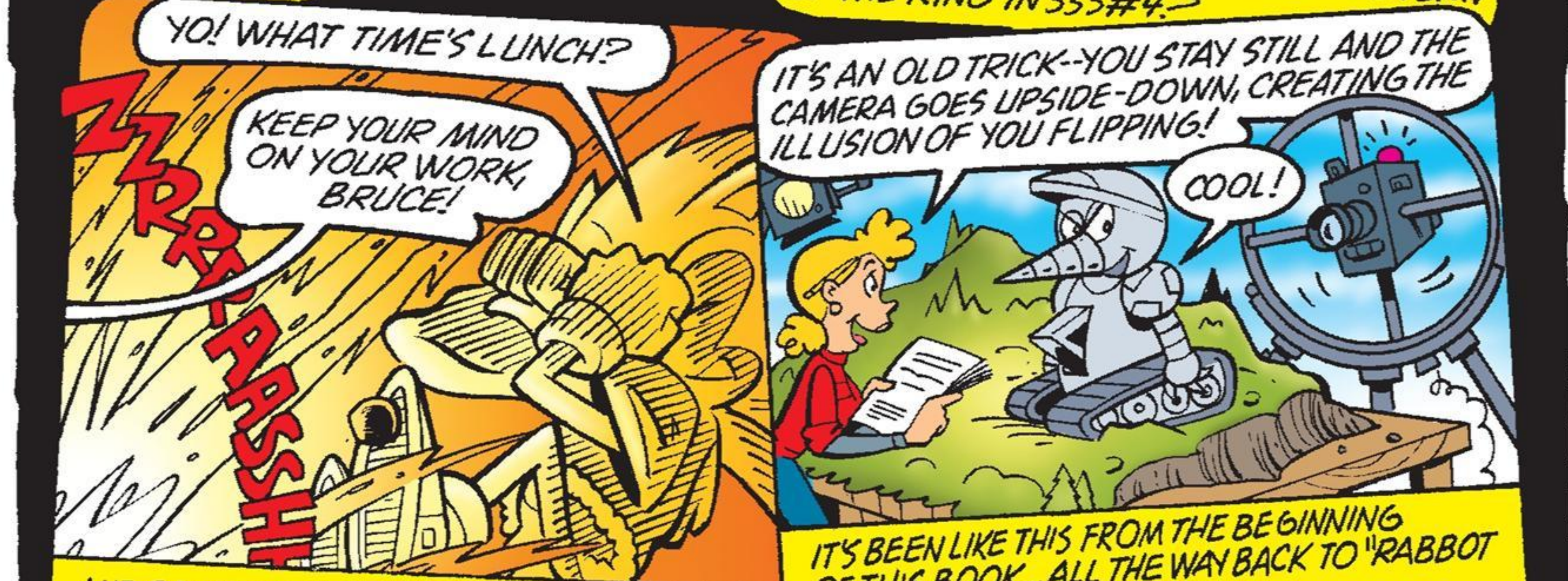
DID YOU KNOW THAT KING ACORN
HAD TO UNDERGO SIX HOURS OF
MAKEUP FOR HIS "CRYSTALLIZED"
APPEARANCES, LIKE THE ONE IN "RETURN
OF THE KING" IN SSS#4?

YO! WHAT TIME'S LUNCH?

KEEP YOUR MIND
ON YOUR WORK,
BRUCE!

IT'S AN OLD TRICK--YOU STAY STILL AND THE
CAMERA GOES UPSIDE-DOWN, CREATING THE
ILLUSION OF YOU FLIPPING!

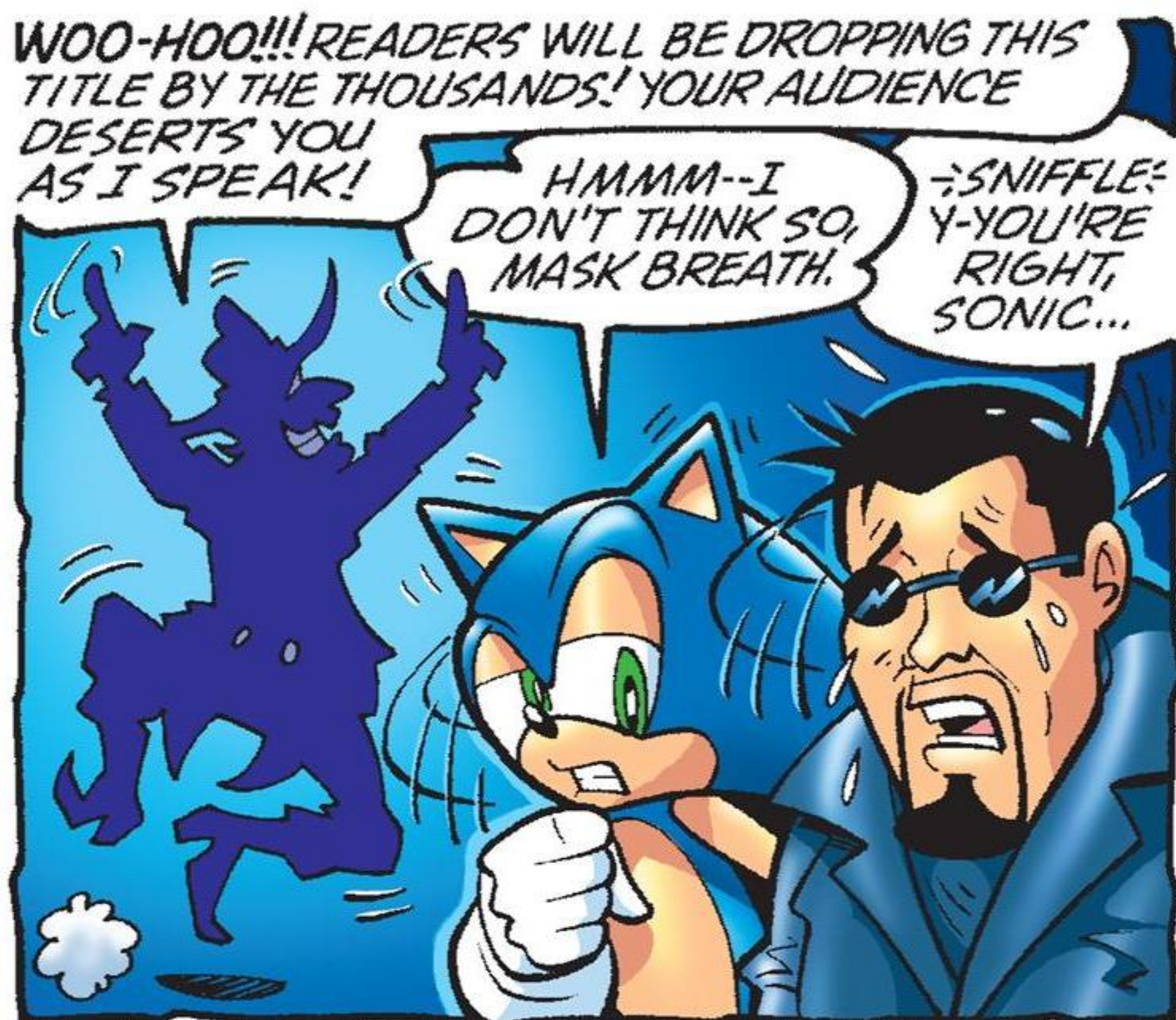
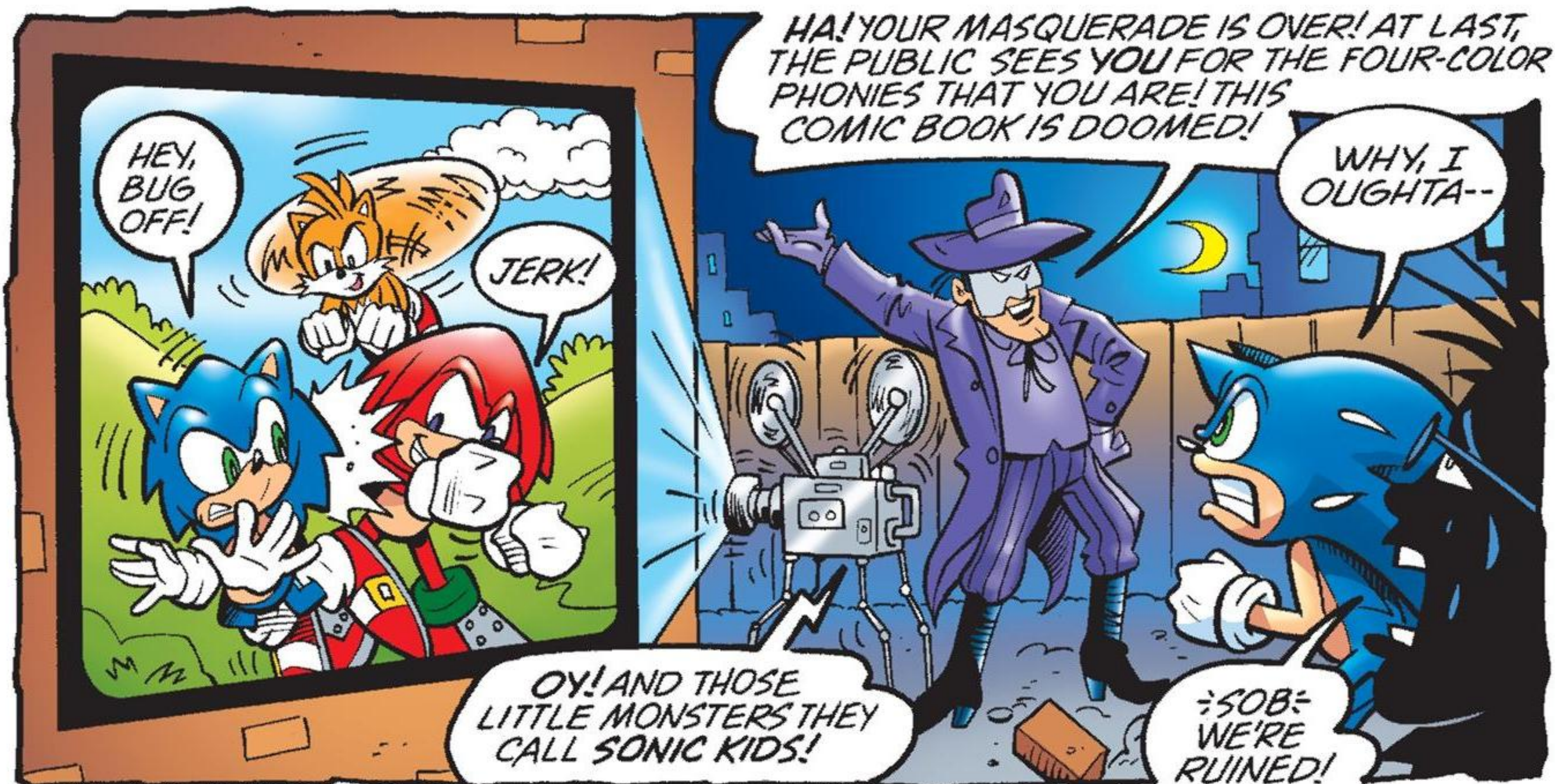
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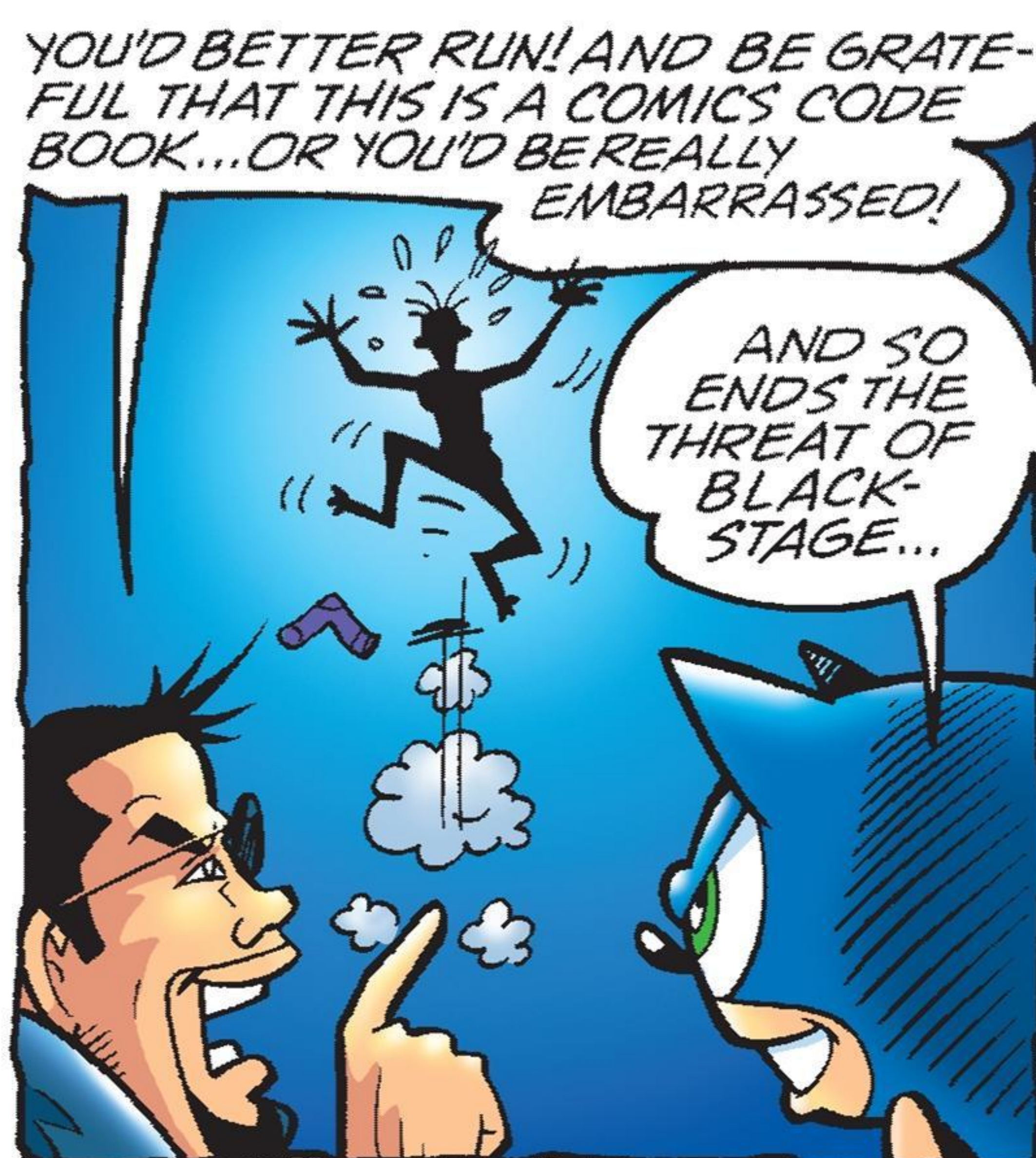
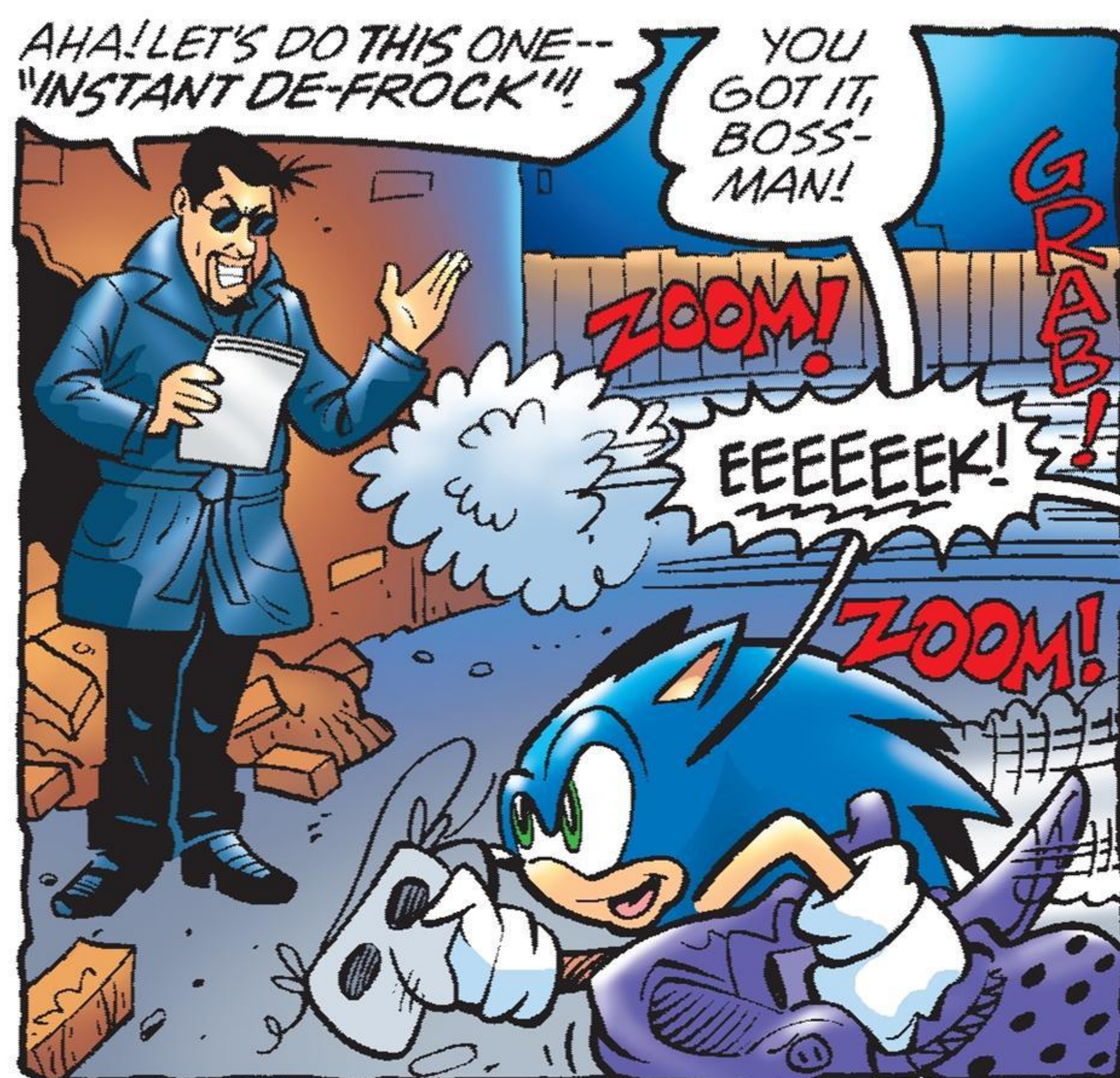
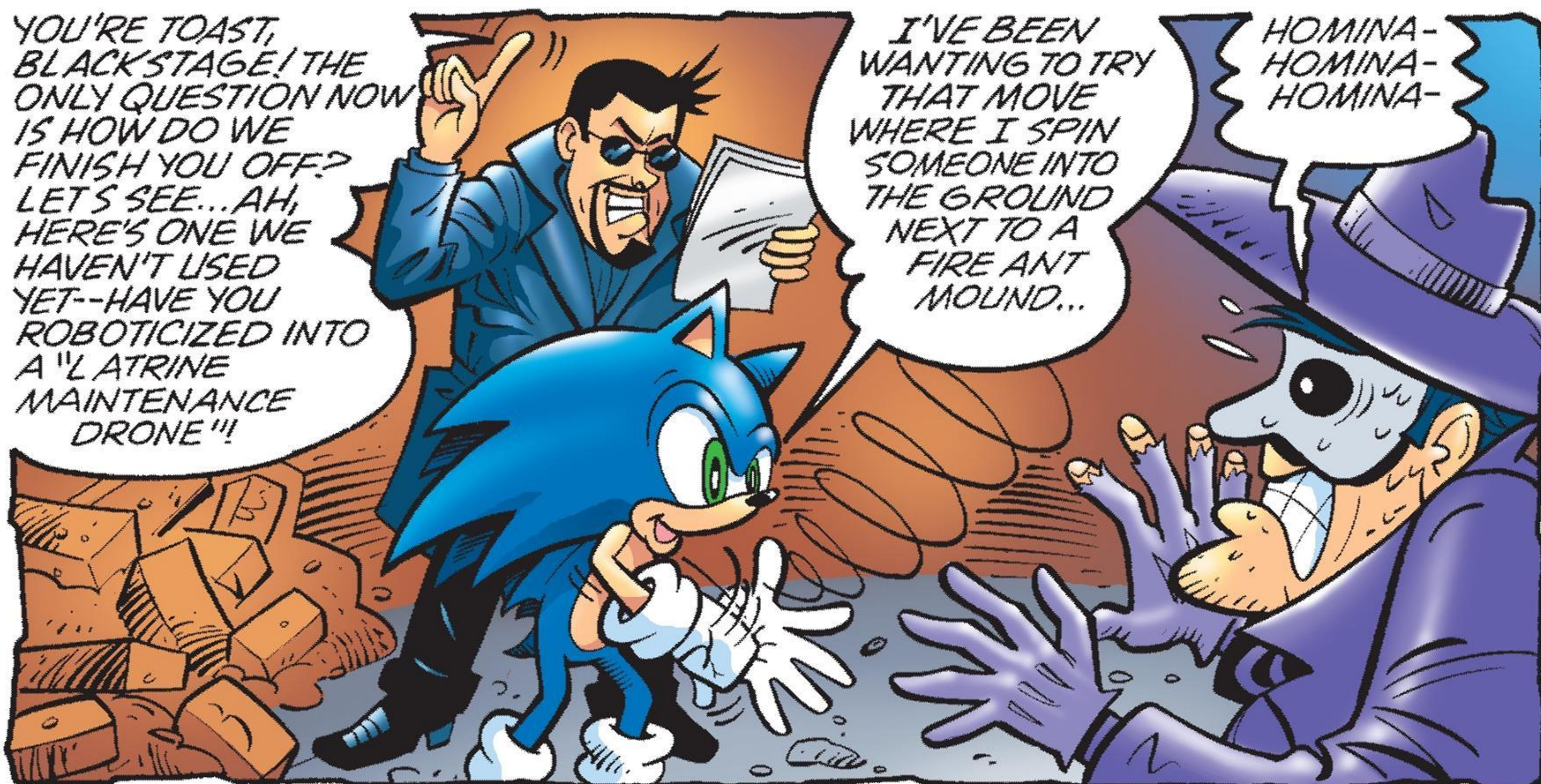


AND DON'T GET ME STARTED ABOUT STUNT
DOUBLES! HERE'S ONE FROM "NAUGUS GAMES"
IN SSS#15. GO THROUGH YOUR COLLECTION!--
THEY'RE EVERYWHERE!

IT'S BEEN LIKE THIS FROM THE BEGINNING
OF THIS BOOK... ALL THE WAY BACK TO "RABBOT
DEPLOYMENT" IN STH#3!

REPRINTED IN SONIC THE HEDGEHOG FIRSTS!
BACK ISSUES AVAILABLE!--MP (SORRY, JUST CAN'T
PASS UP ONE OF MY FAMOUS "SHAMELESS PLUGS")





CATCH THE NEXT SONIC THE HEDGEHOG #159 ON SALE 02/22/06
AND SONIC X #6 ON SALE 03/15/06!